

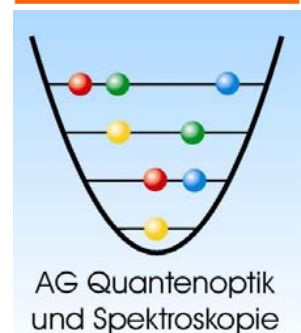
# Ion Trap Quantum Information Processing in Innsbruck

## Current Status and Future Plans

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- $\text{Ca}^+$  for quantum information processing: qubits
- $\text{Ca}^+$  experiments, techniques and state of art
- CNOT gate operation, error budget
- interfacing quantum information: cavity QED with  $\text{Ca}^+$
- segmented ion traps and future work



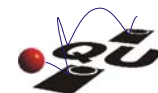
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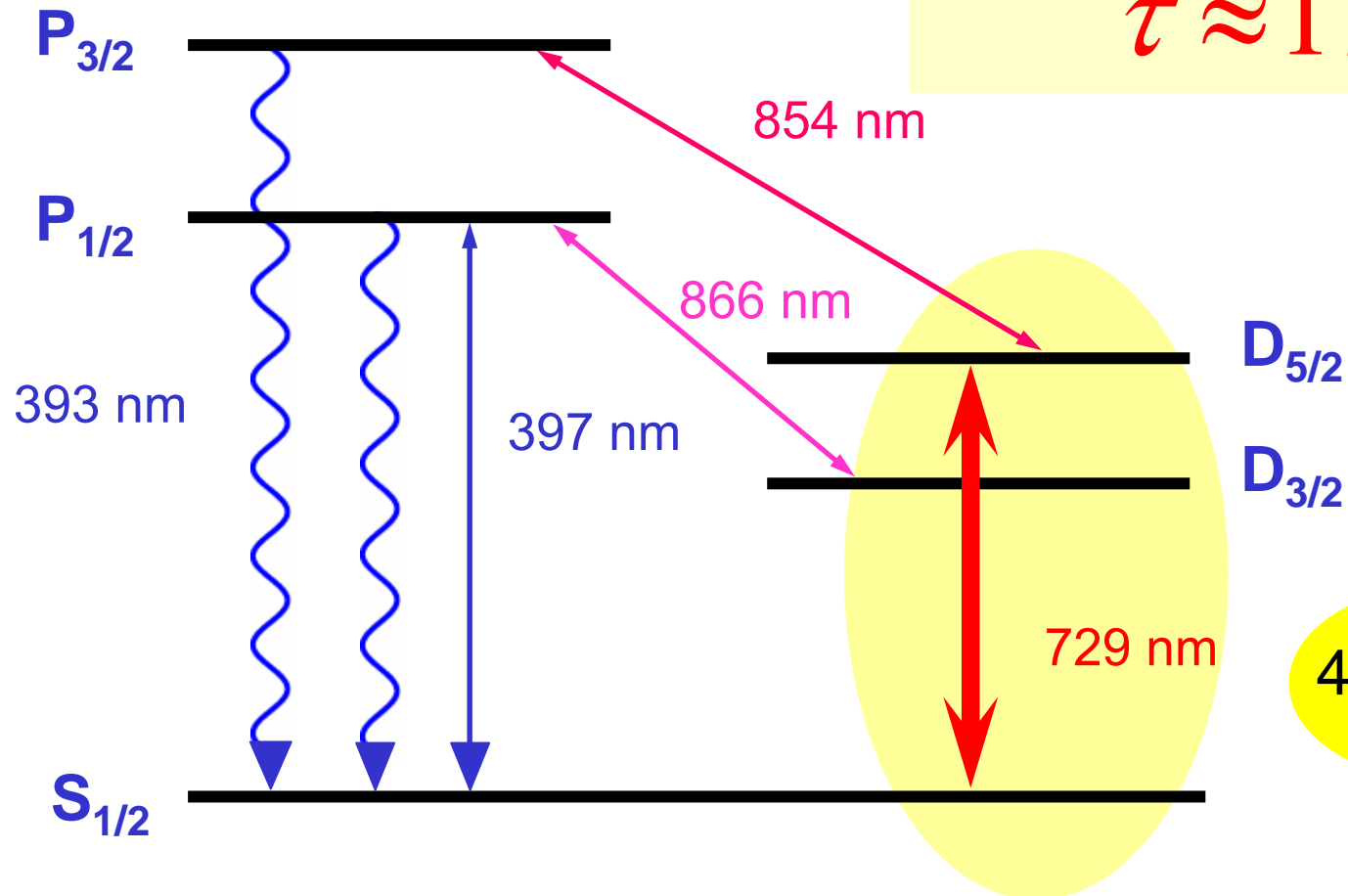
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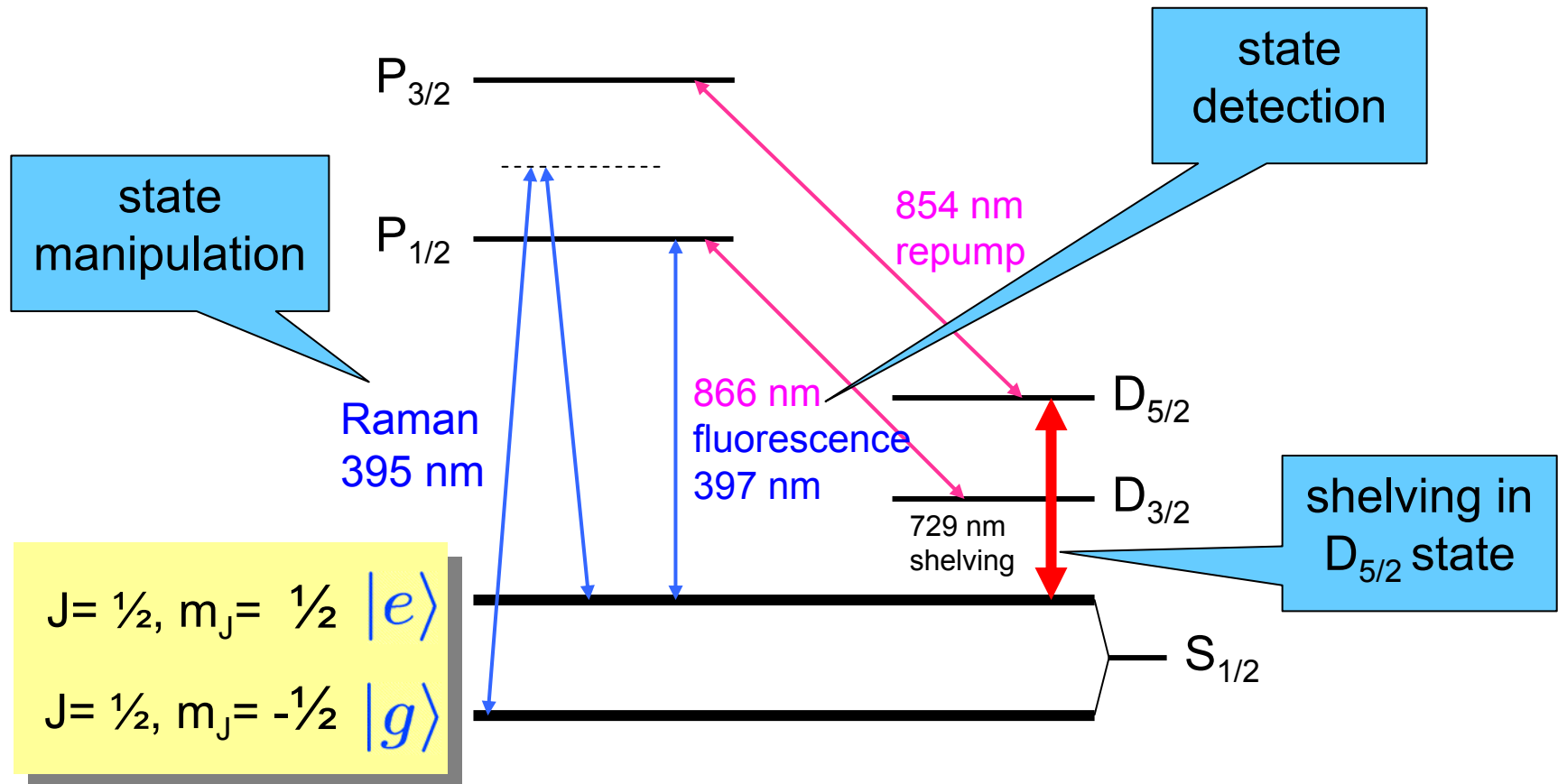
# Level scheme of $\text{Ca}^+$

qubit on narrow S - D  
quadrupole transition

$$\tau \approx 1 \text{ s}$$

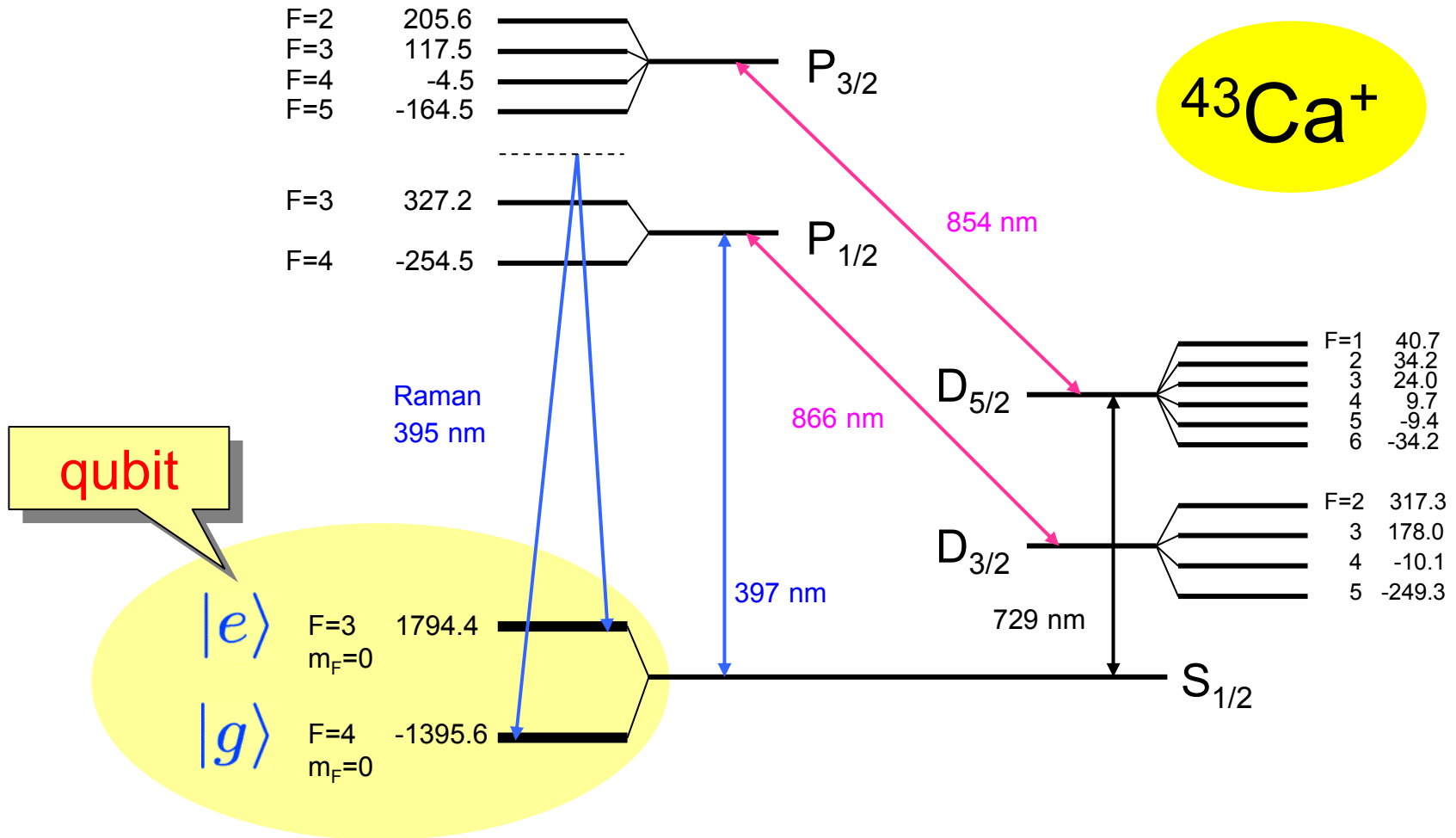


# $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ : Zeeman substates

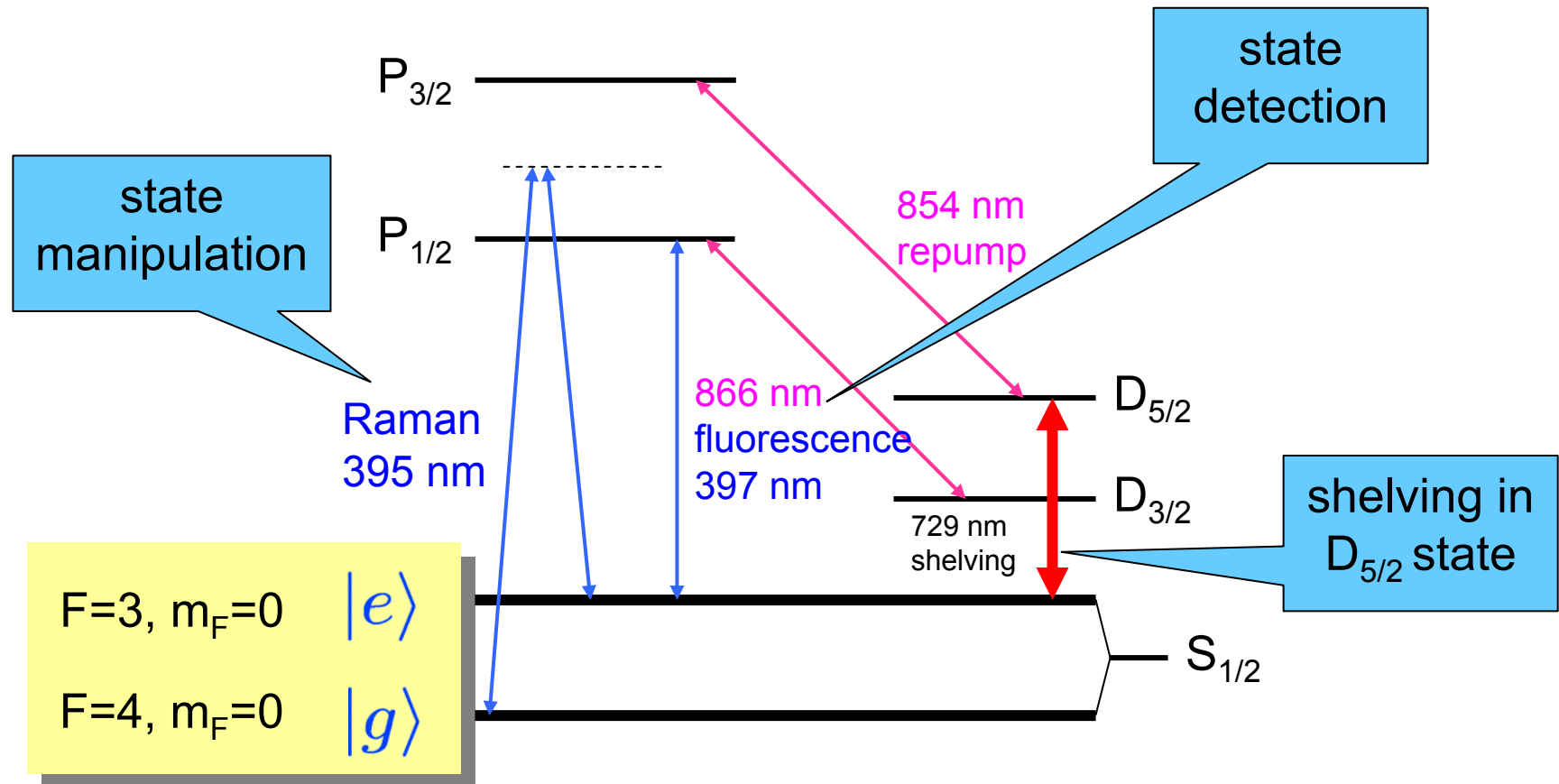


linear Zeeman effect,  
requires decoherence free subspace

# Level scheme of $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$

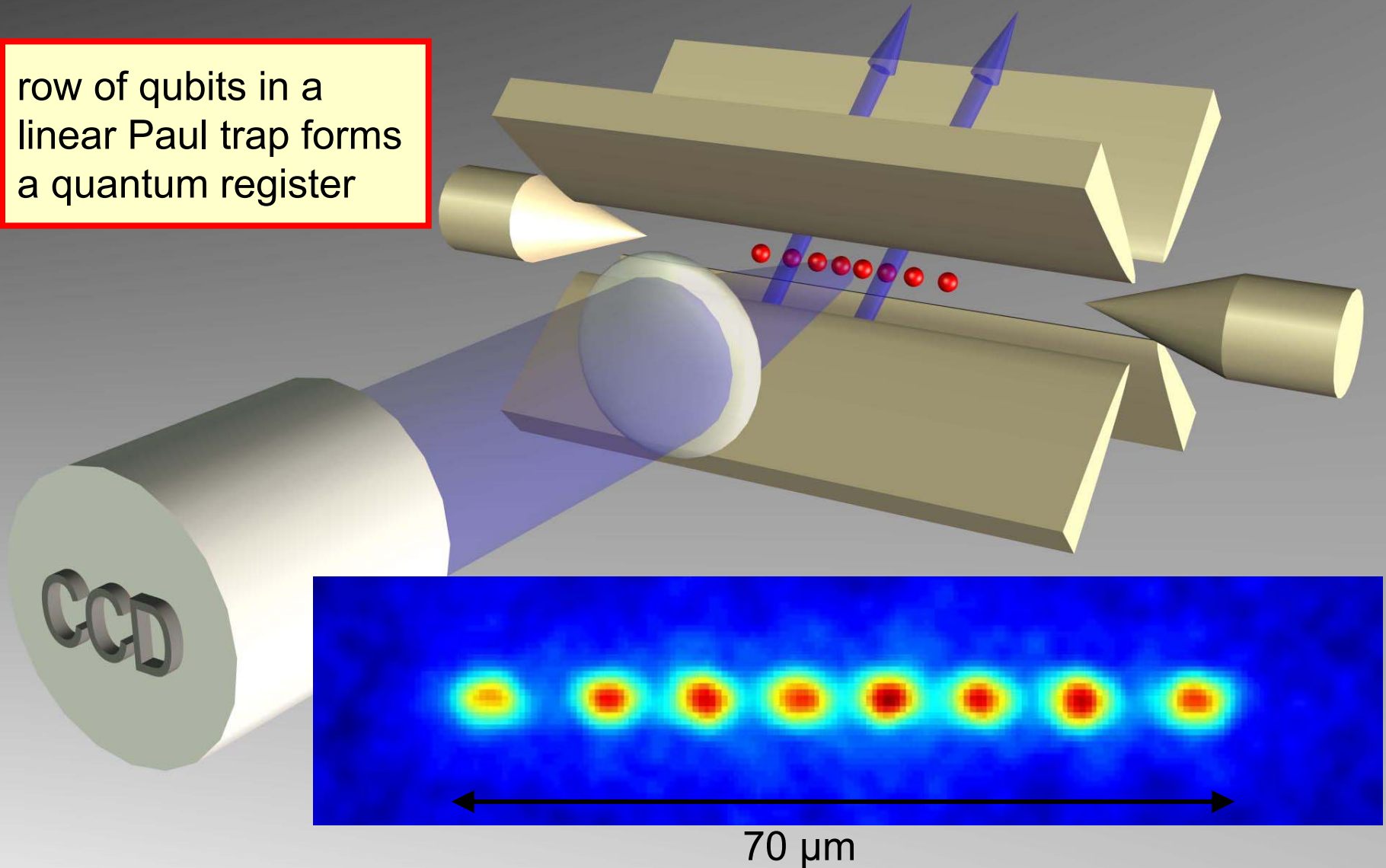


# $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ : manipulation and detection

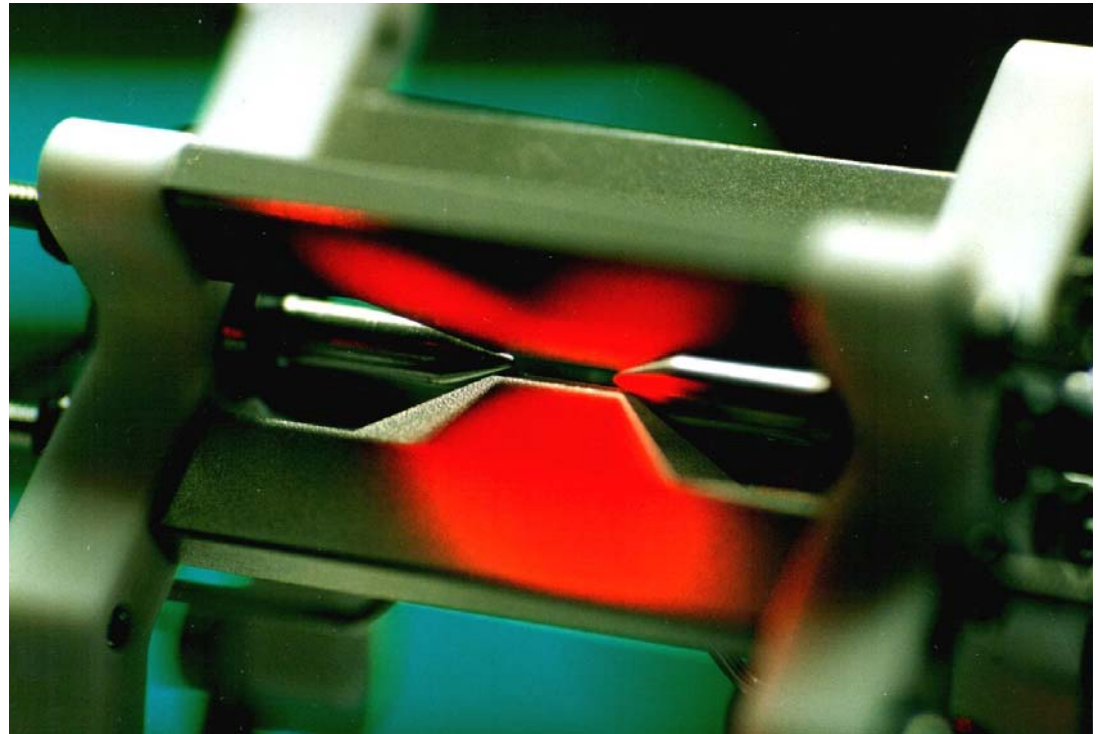
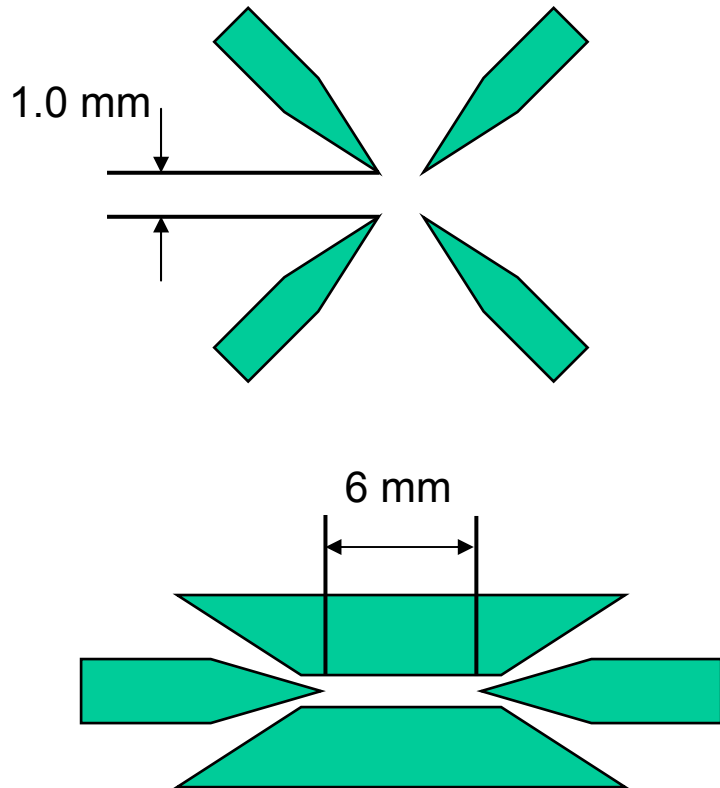


# String of $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ ions in a linear Paul trap

row of qubits in a linear Paul trap forms a quantum register



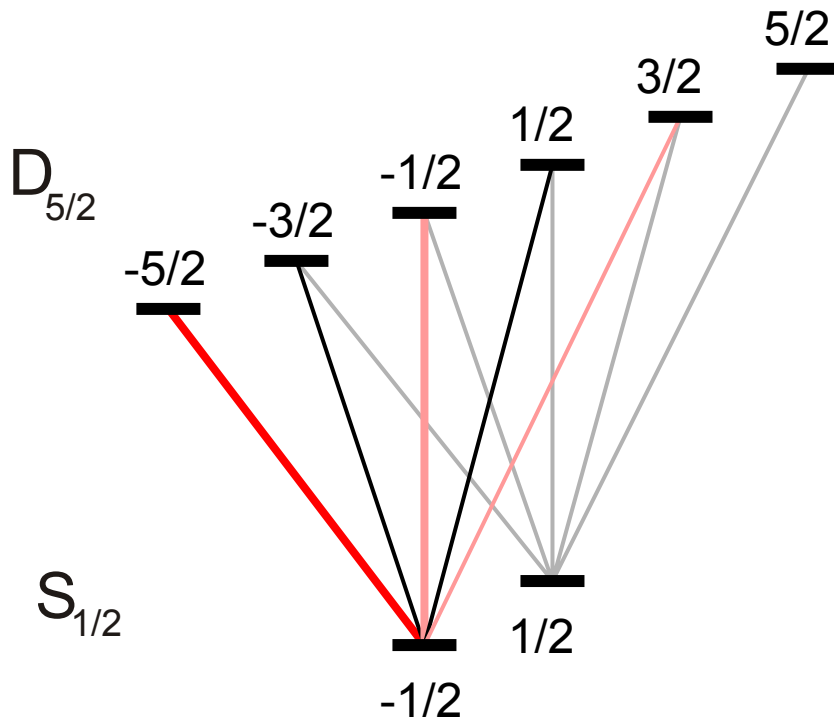
# Innsbruck linear ion trap (2000)



$$\omega_z \approx 0.7 - 2 \text{ MHz} \quad \omega_{x,y} \approx 1.5 - 4 \text{ MHz}$$

# Spectroscopy of the $S_{1/2} - D_{5/2}$ transition

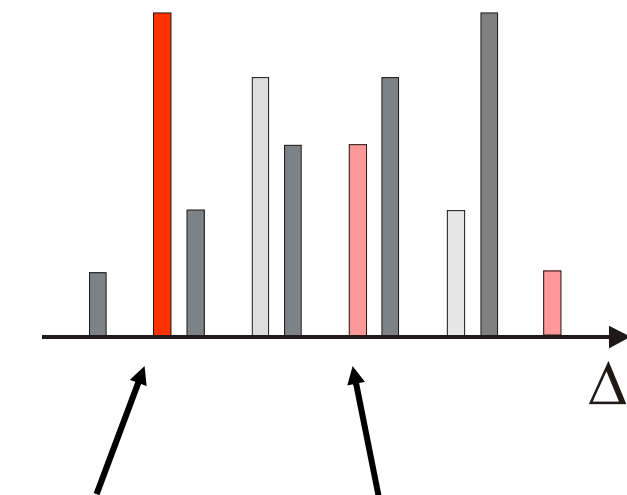
Zeeman structure in non-zero magnetic field:



+ vibrational degrees of freedom

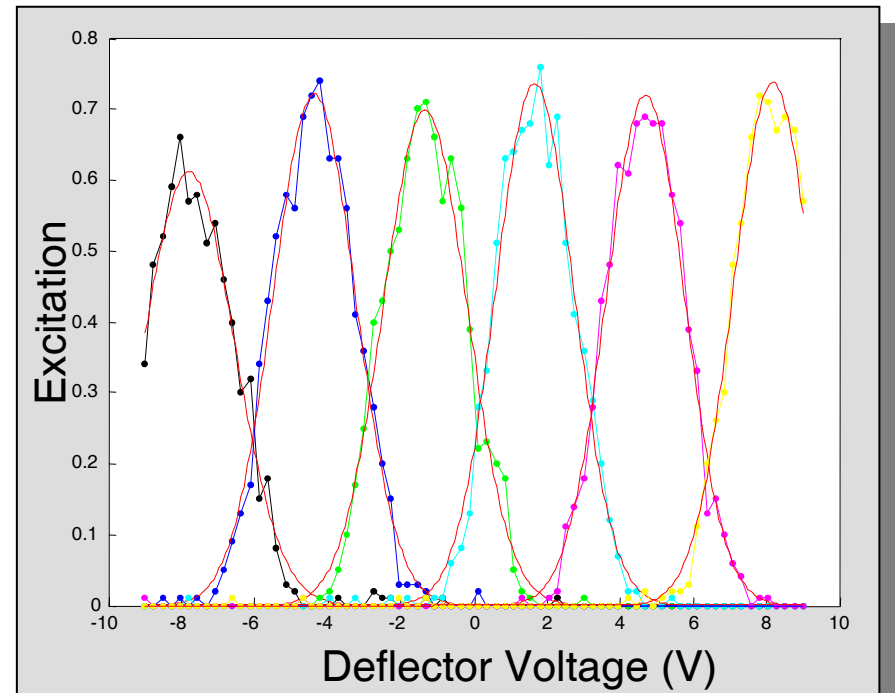
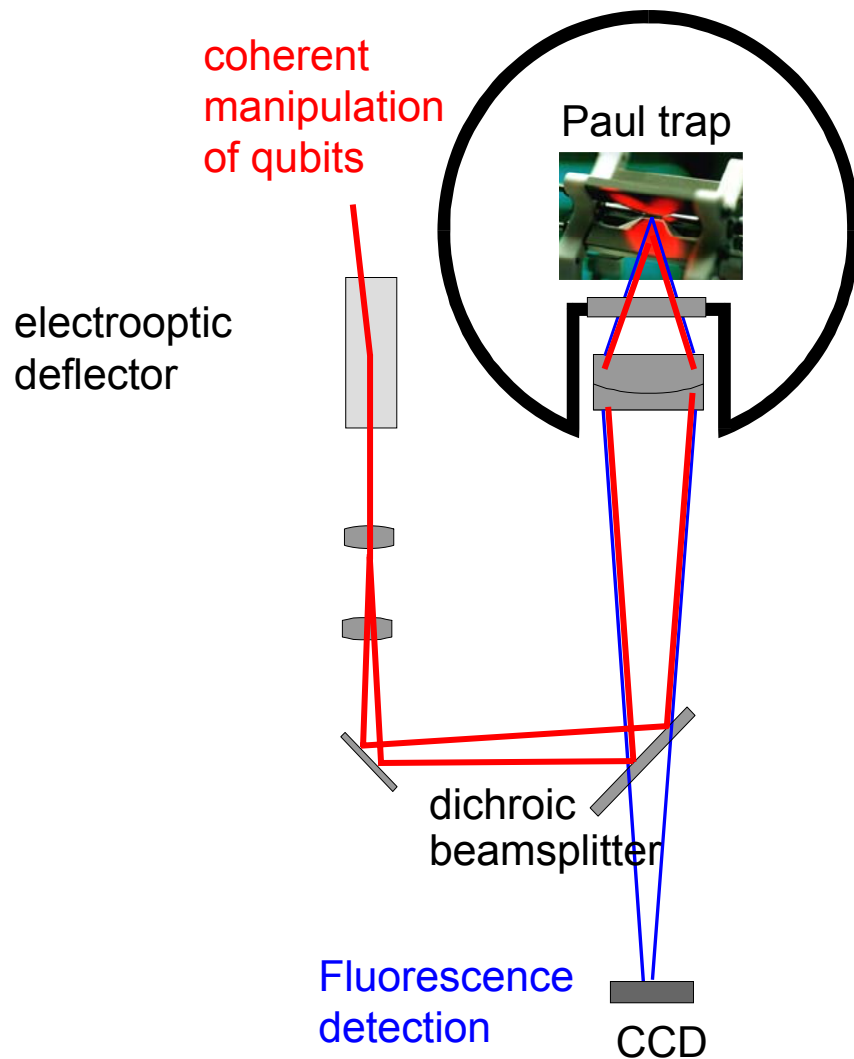
2-level-system:

$$-1/2 \rightarrow -5/2(-1/2)$$



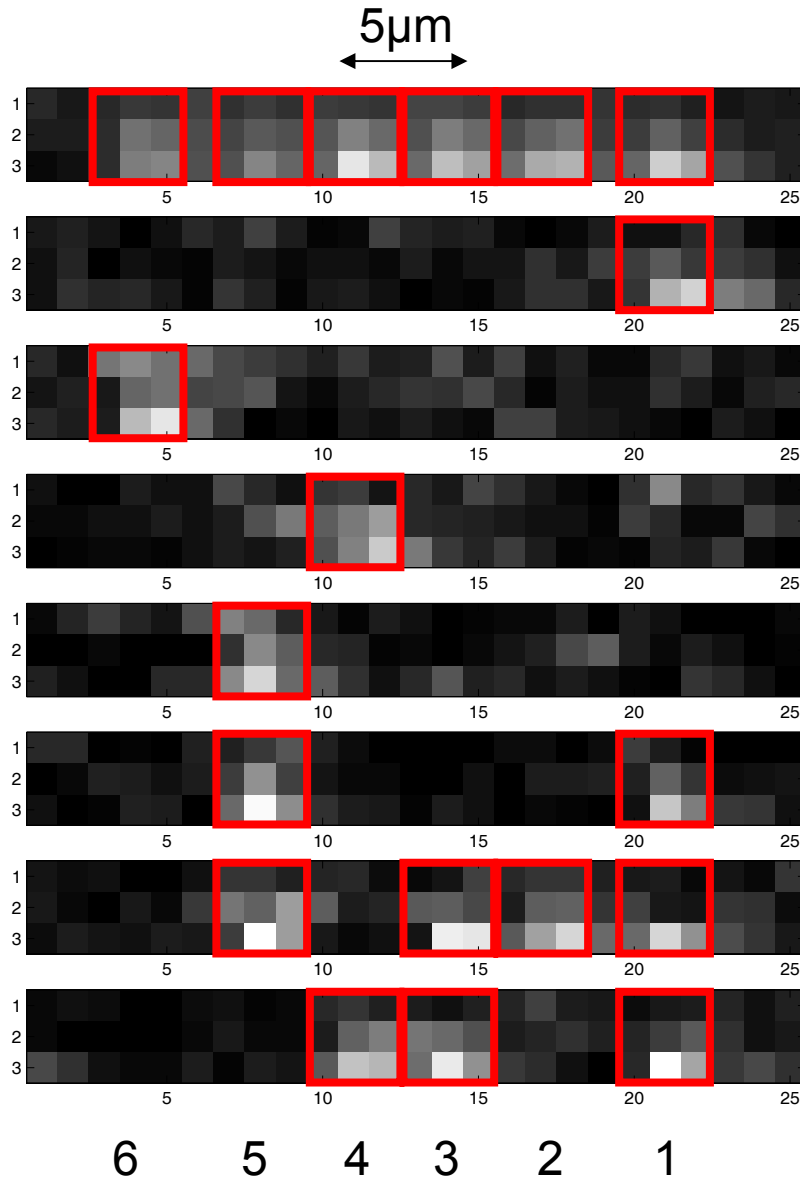


# Addressing of individual ions



- inter ion distance:  $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}$
- addressing waist:  $\sim 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
- < 0.1% intensity on neighbouring ions

# Detection of 6 individual ions



state detection on a CCD camera

all ions in  $|S\rangle$

$$|SSSSSS\rangle$$

ion 1 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DDDDDS\rangle$$

ion 6 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|SDDDDD\rangle$$

ion 4 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DDSDDD\rangle$$

ion 5 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DSDDDD\rangle$$

ions 1 and 5 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DSDDDS\rangle$$

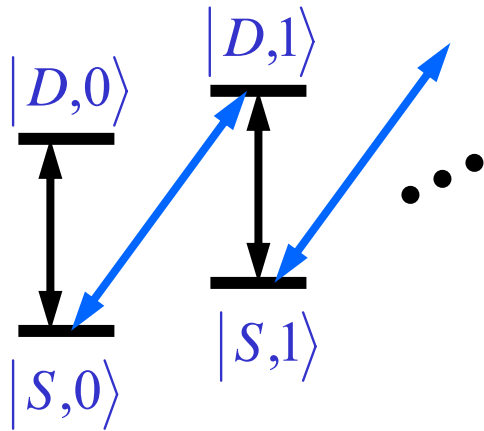
ions 1,2,3, and 5 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DSSSSS\rangle$$

ions 1,3 and 4 in  $|S\rangle$

$$|DDSSDS\rangle$$

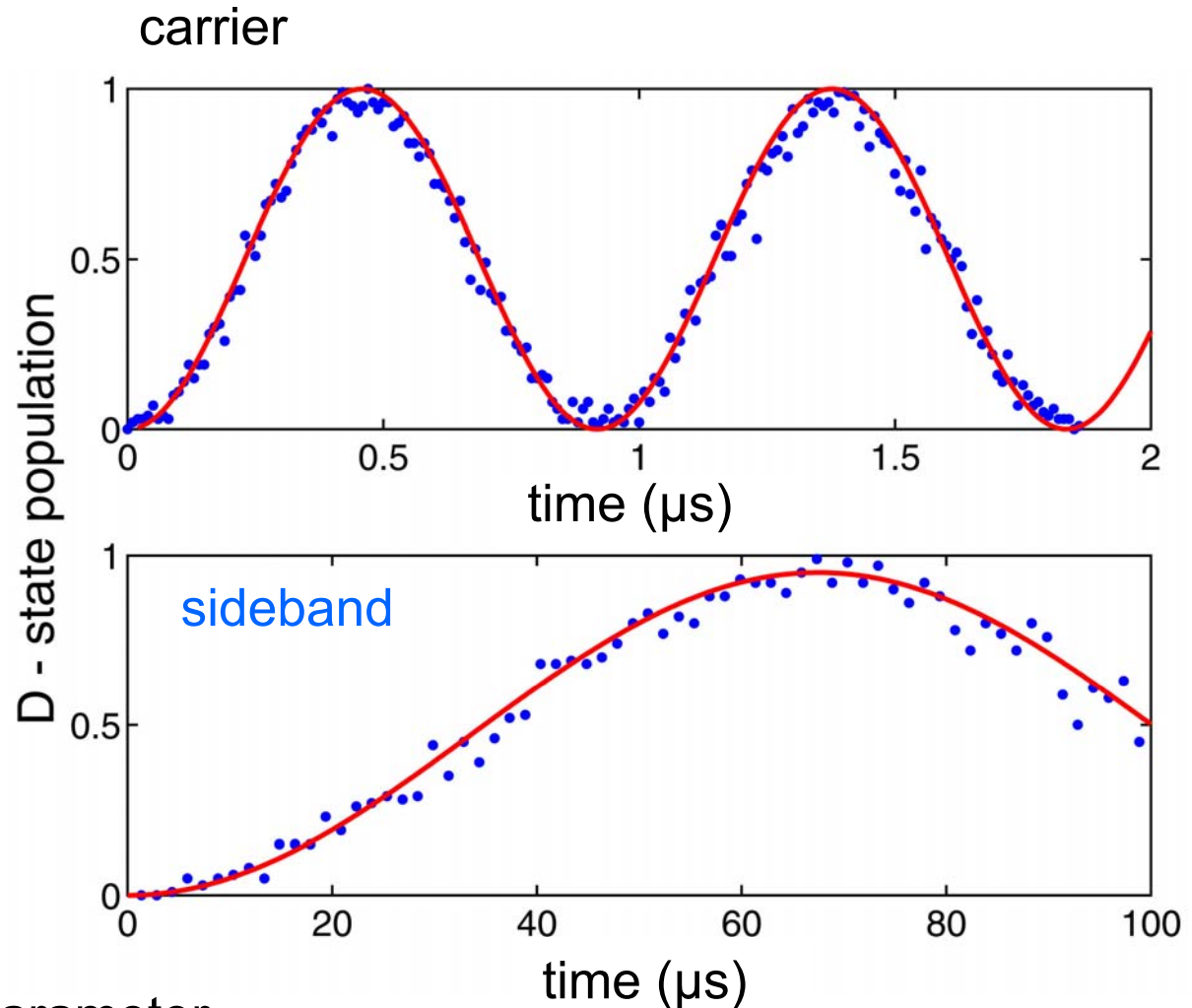
# Coherent state manipulation



carrier and sideband  
Rabi oscillations  
with Rabi frequencies

$$\Omega, \quad \eta\Omega\sqrt{n+1}$$

$\eta = kx_0$  Lamb-Dicke parameter



# Ca<sup>+</sup> ion trap quantum information processing

## achievements

- Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm [Nature 421, 48 \(2003\)](#)
- Cirac-Zoller CNOT gate operation [Nature 422, 408 \(2003\)](#)
- GHZ, W states, conditional operations [Science 304, 1478 \(2004\)](#)
- Teleportation [Nature 429, 734 \(2004\)](#)
- Quantum state tomography [PRL 92, 220402 \(2004\)](#)
- Long-lived entanglement [Appl. Phys. B 81, 151 \(2005\)](#)
- 4-8 qubit entanglement [Nature 438, 643 \(2005\)](#)
- Precision spectroscopy with entangled states [to be published](#)
- Quantum Process Tomography [to be published](#)

# Six-Ion W-state

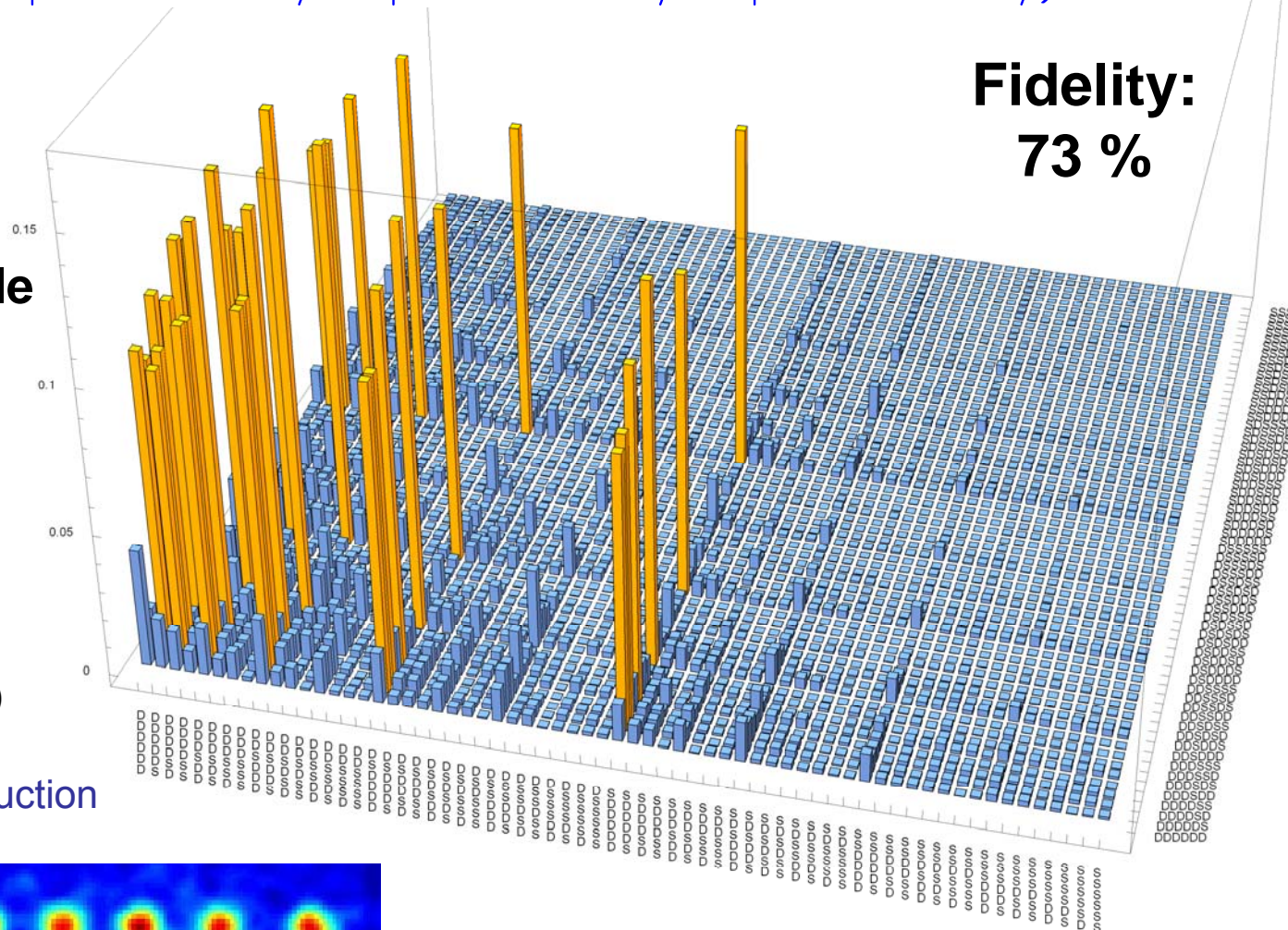
$$\psi_6 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(|DDDDDS\rangle + |DDDDSD\rangle + |DDDSDD\rangle + |DDSDDD\rangle + |DSDDDD\rangle + |SDDDDD\rangle)$$

$$|\rho_{ij}|$$

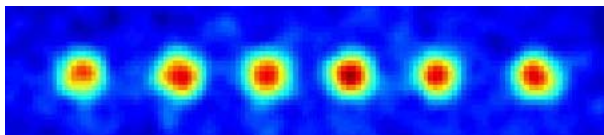
**Genuine 6-particle entanglement !**

- 6-particle entanglement can be distilled from the state (W. Dür)
- Entanglement witness detects 6-particle entanglement (O. Gühne)
- error bars in the reconstruction process ?

**Fidelity:  
73 %**



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729 settings, measurement time ~ 40 min.

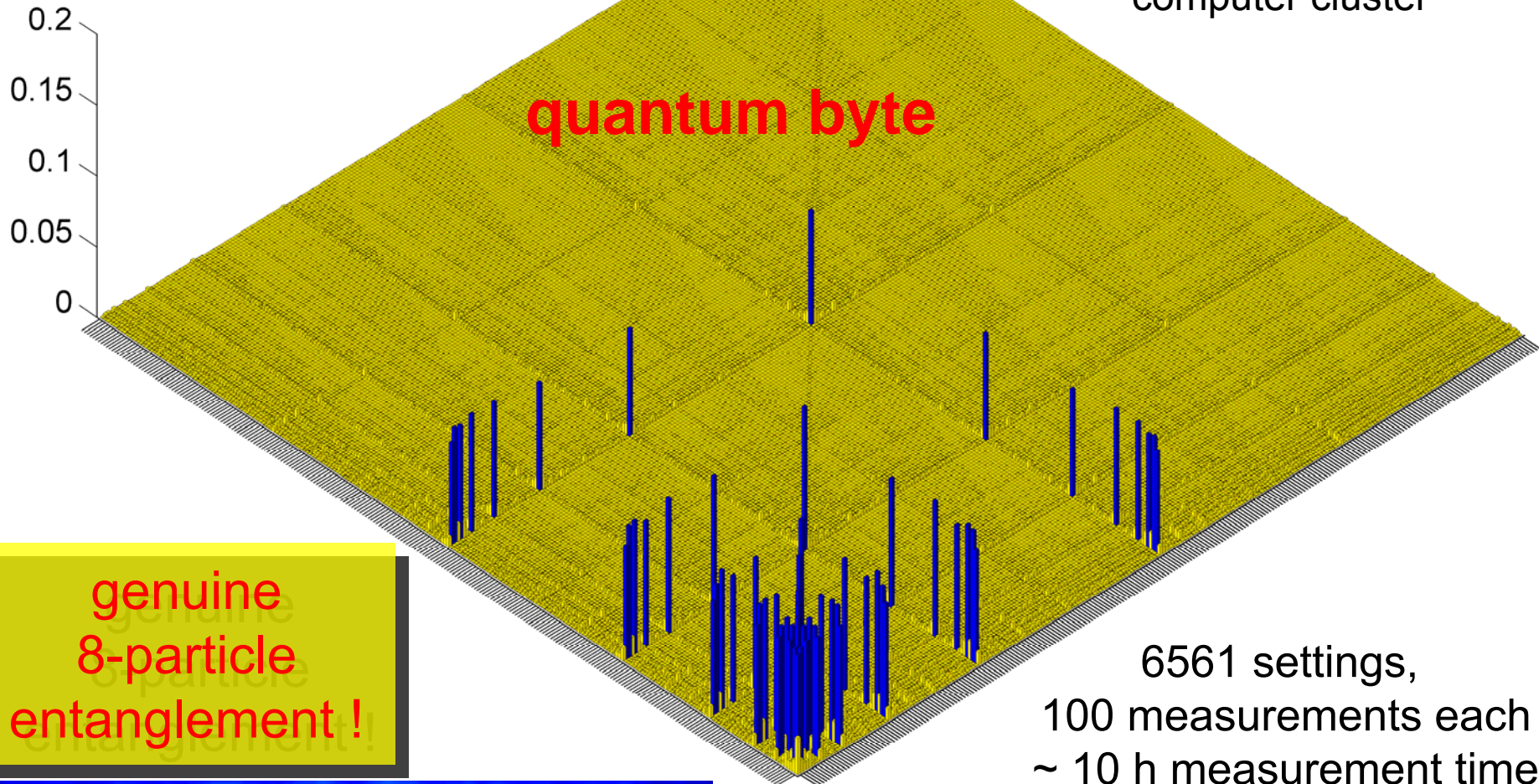


# Eight - ion W state

**Fidelity: 0.76**

reconstruction time:  
several days on a  
computer cluster

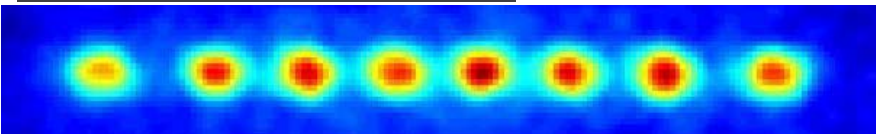
quantum byte



genuine  
8-particle  
entanglement!

6561 settings,  
100 measurements each  
~ 10 h measurement time

H. Häffner et al., Nature **438**, 643 (2005)



## Future $\text{Ca}^+$ experiments ....

- entanglement swapping
- entanglement purification
- error correction protocols (3, 5, 7 ions)
- logical qubit
- algorithms (Shor, Grover)
- scalability
- the "real" quantum computer ...
- ...



...  
the  
generic  
list ...

**BUT** everything relies crucially on the availability of a high fidelity two-ion gate operation.

# The Cirac-Zoller CNOT gate operation with 2 ions

allows the realization of a  
*universal* quantum computer !



$$|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|0\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|1\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|1\rangle$$

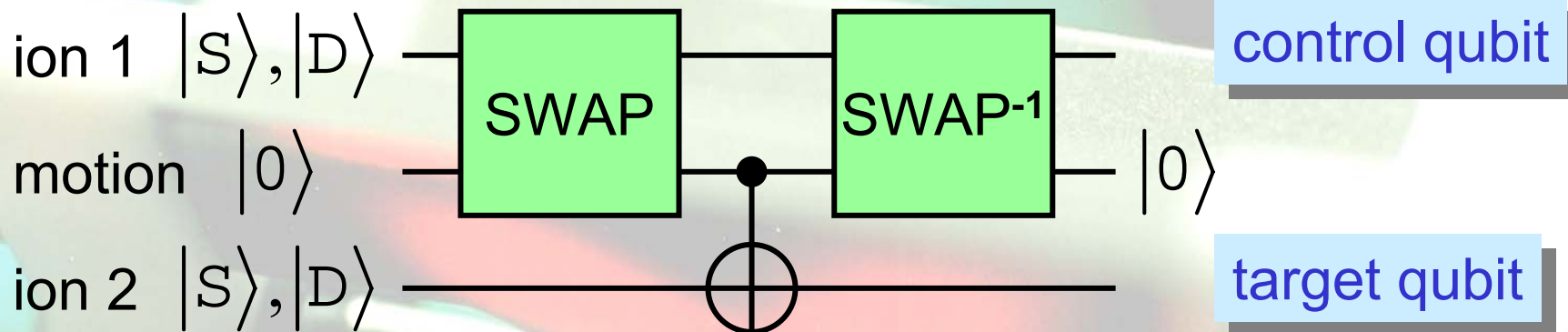
$$|1\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|0\rangle$$

control bit

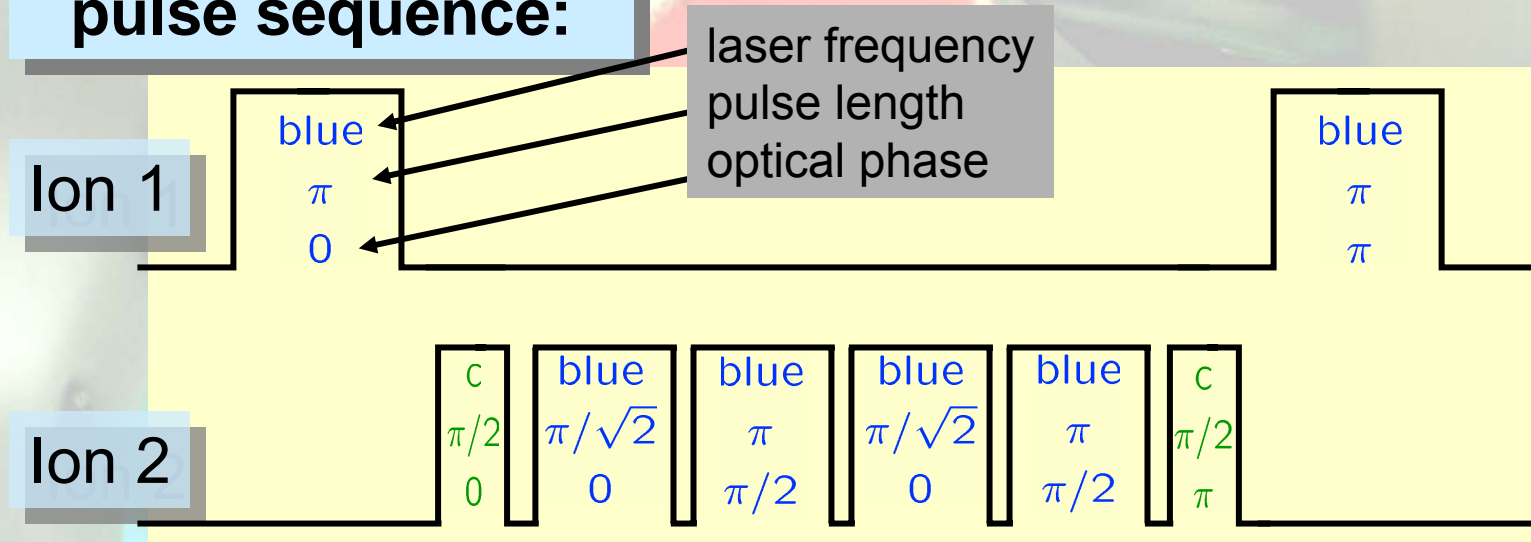
target bit



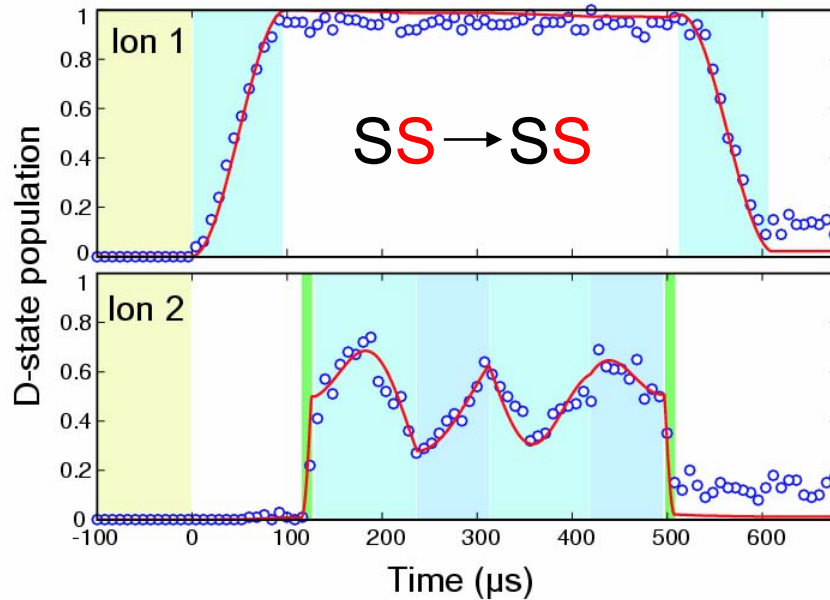
# Cirac - Zoller two-ion controlled-NOT operation



## pulse sequence:



# Individual ion detection



$SS \rightarrow SS$

control qubit

target qubit

Ion 1

Ion 2

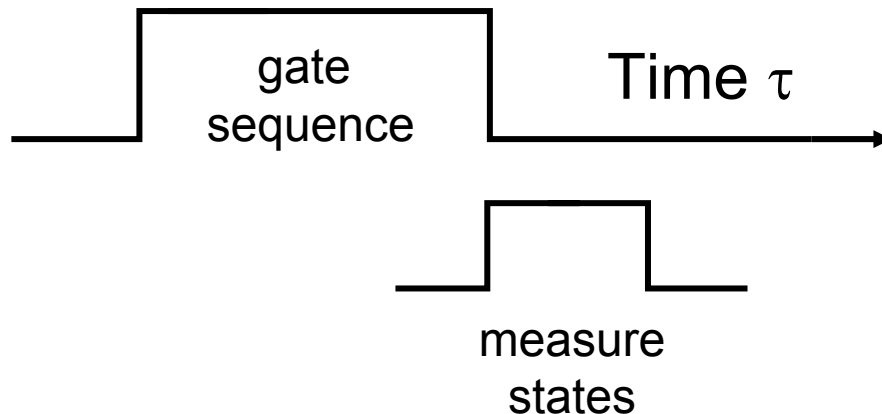
5 μm

SS

SD

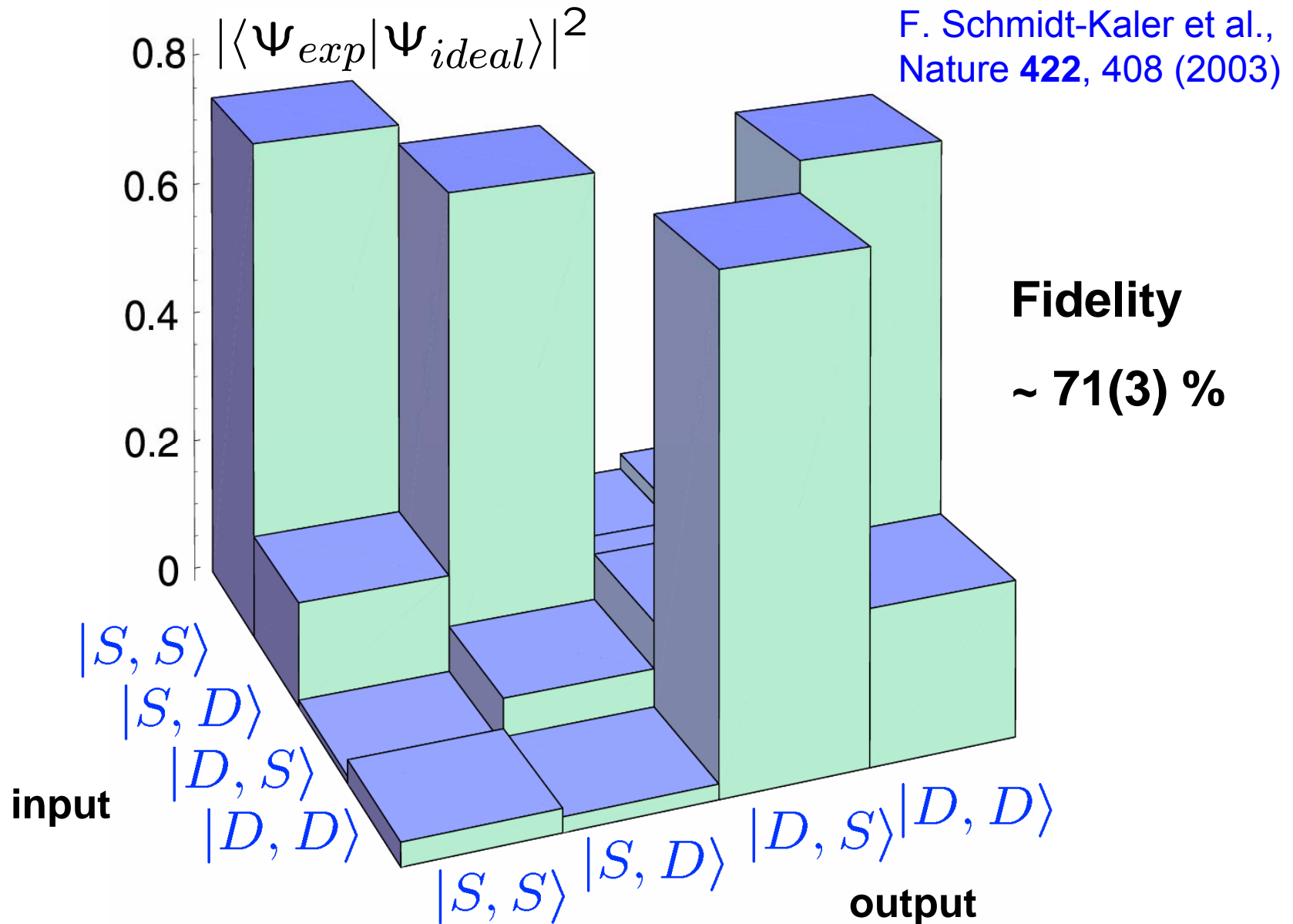
DS

DD



Individual ion detection  
on CCD camera

# Experimental fidelity of Cirac-Zoller CNOT operation



## CNOT error budget (November 2002)

Error source	Magnitude	Fidelity loss
Frequency noise (fast)	< 200 Hz (FWHM)	< 10 %
Frequency noise (slow)	~ 450Hz (FWHM)	~ 1 %
Laser intensity noise	3 % peak to peak	0.1 %
Addressing error (can be corrected for partially)	5 % in Rabi frequency (at neighbouring ion)	3 %
Off resonant excitations	for $t_{\text{gate}} = 600 \mu\text{s}$	4 %
Residual thermal excitation	$\langle n \rangle_{\text{bus}} < 0.02$ $\langle n \rangle_{\text{spec}} = 6$	< 2 % 0.4 %
Total	November 2002	~ 20 %

# Improvements since then

## Technical improvements:

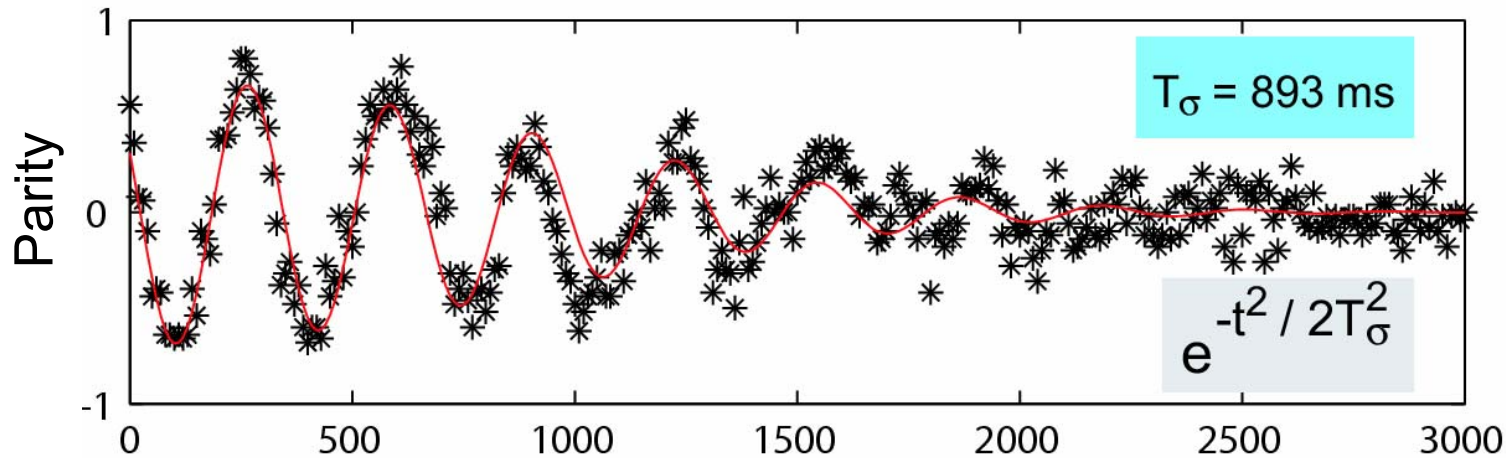
- Laser frequency stability (729 nm)
- Reduced magnetic field noise
- Addressing error correction
- Pulse shaping of composite pulses
- Frequency selective optical pumping
- Automatic calibration and experimental control

## Physical improvements:

- Encoding in decoherence free subspace
- Encoding of different qubit ( $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ )
- Tomography for analysis

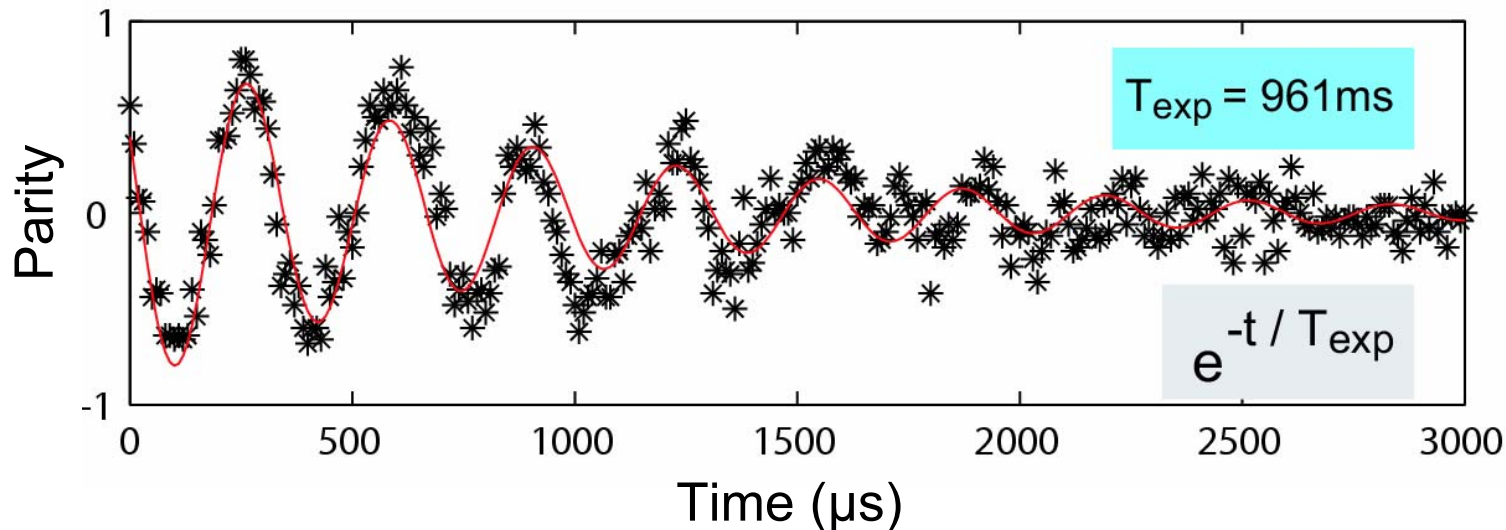
# Linewidth of 729 nm laser

Parity measurement for state:  $|SS'\rangle + |DD'\rangle$



Gaussian fit

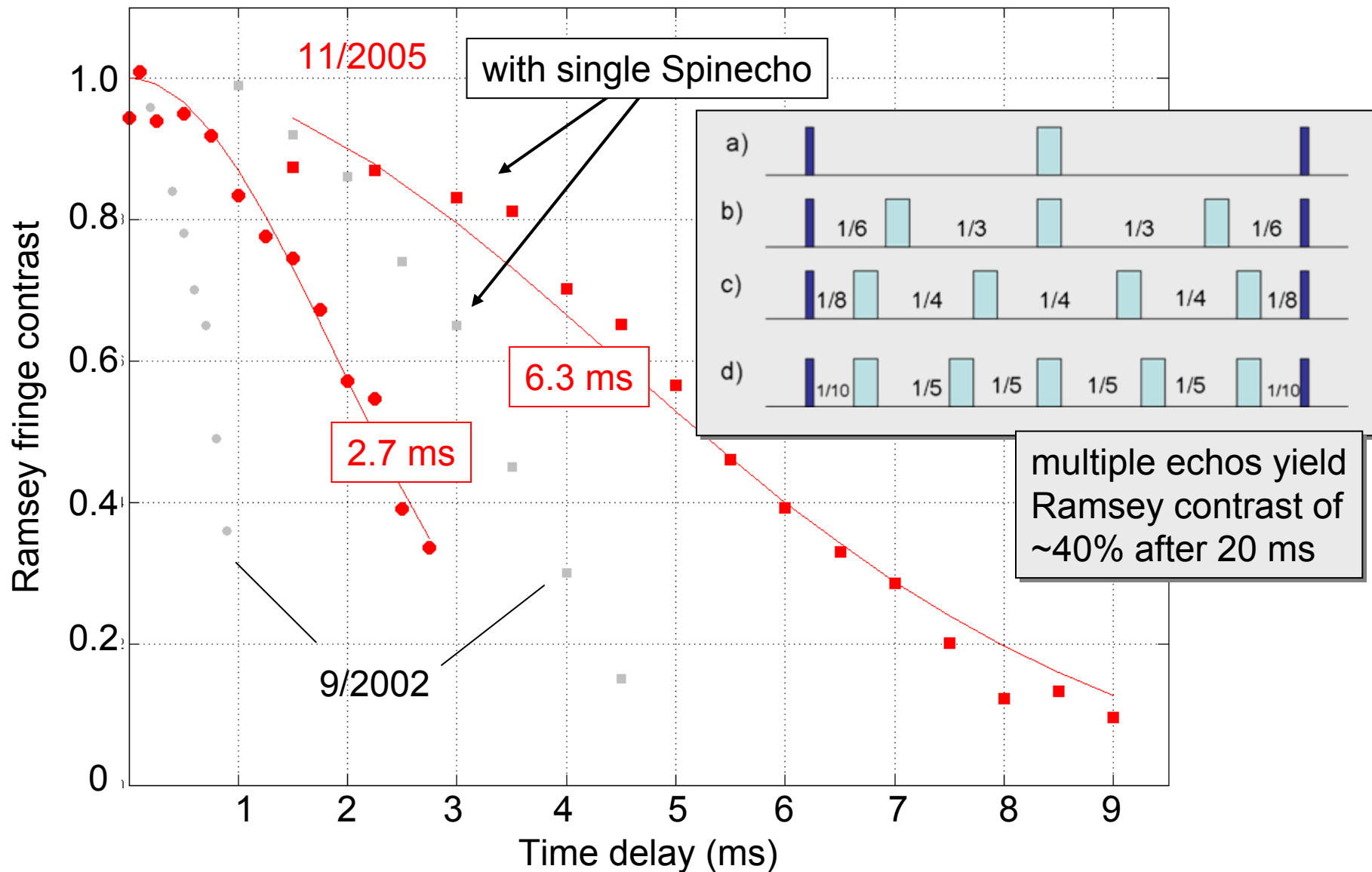
$178 \text{ Hz}$



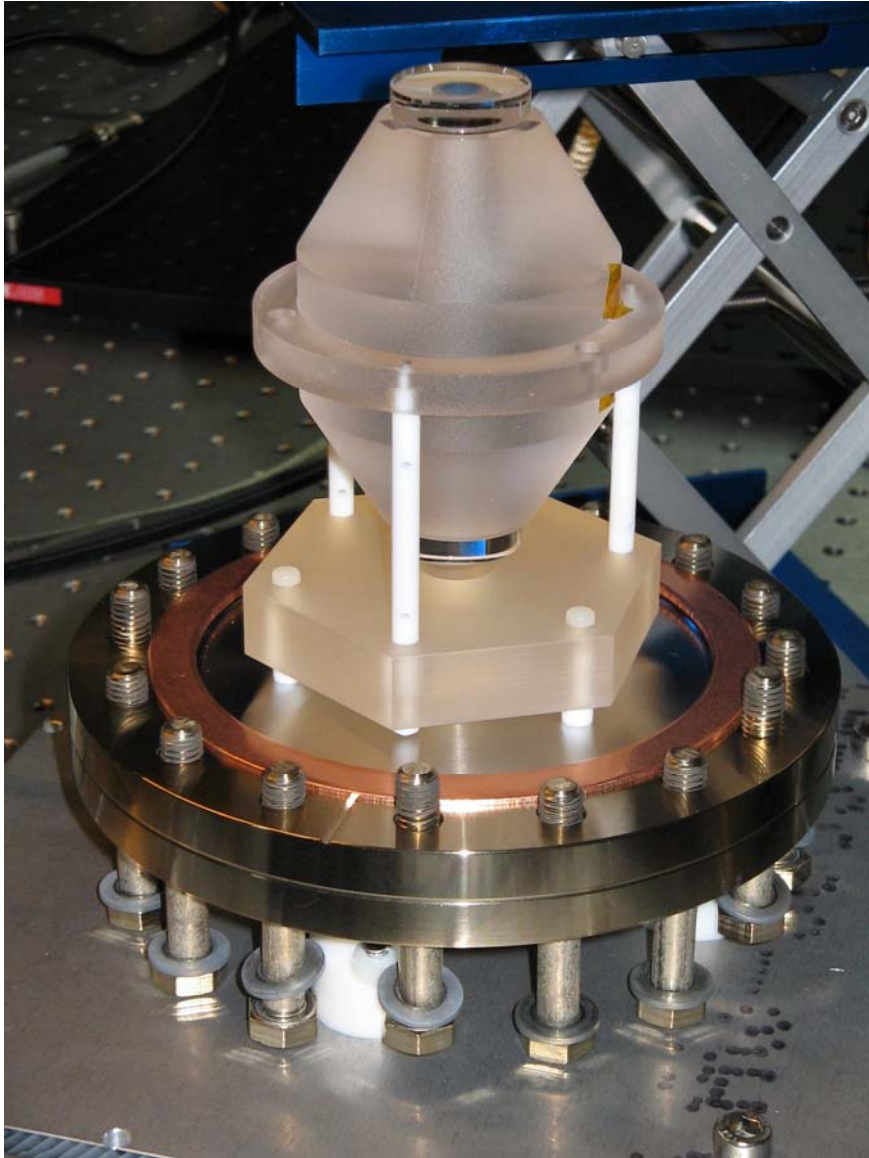
exponential fit

$166 \text{ Hz}$

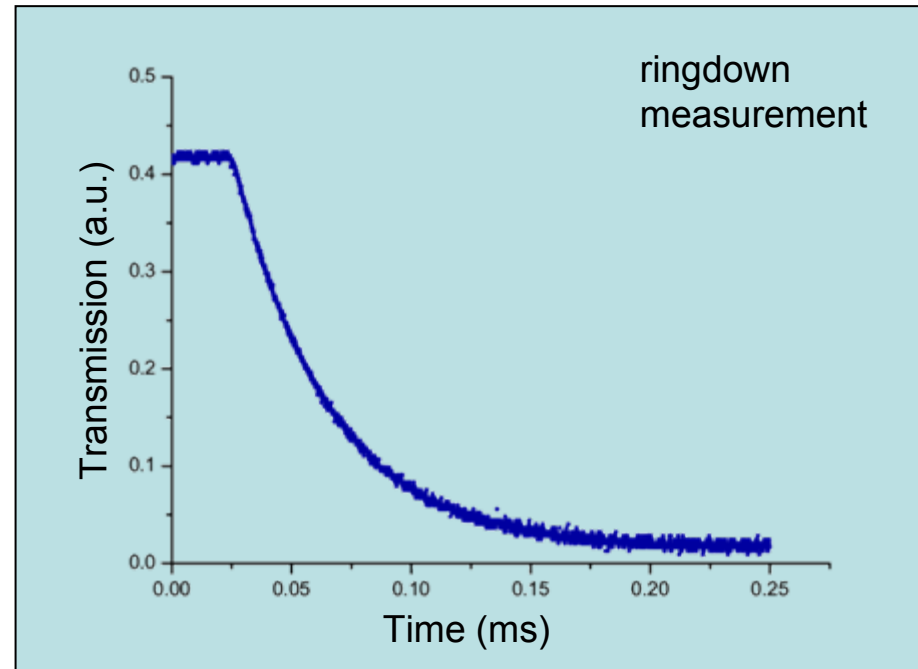
# Coherence of single qubits (S – D transition)



# New supercavity for 729 nm laser



Vertically mounted high finesse cavity  
(Jun Ye, Mark Notcutt; JILA)



Finesse = 481 000 (4000)



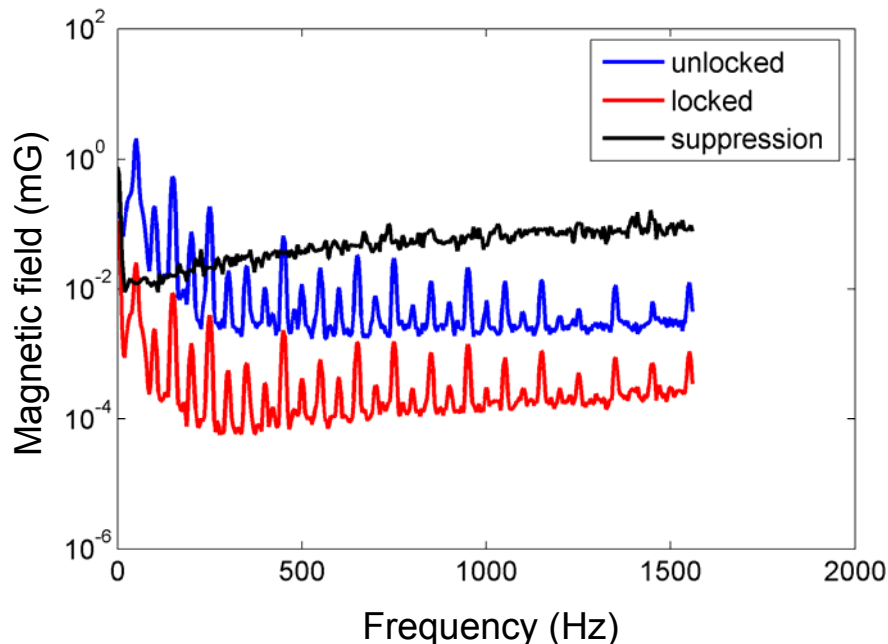
# Magnetic field noise ( ~ frequency fluctuations) 1

**without active stabilization:**

9mG peak-to-peak @ 50 Hz at the ion,  
Ramsey measurement, scanning through the AC-line phase

**with active stabilization** (Spicer SC12, two AC sensors, 5Hz-20KHz):

best result 0.4 mG peak-to-peak @ 50 Hz at the ion,  
noise suppression of factor ~20  
at site of one of the sensors much higher suppression:



- spectrum contains components that are not multiples of the line frequency,
- cannot eliminate this noise completely by triggering our experiment to the line phase

# Magnetic field noise (~ frequency fluctuations) 2

noise cancellation using  
interpolating sensors

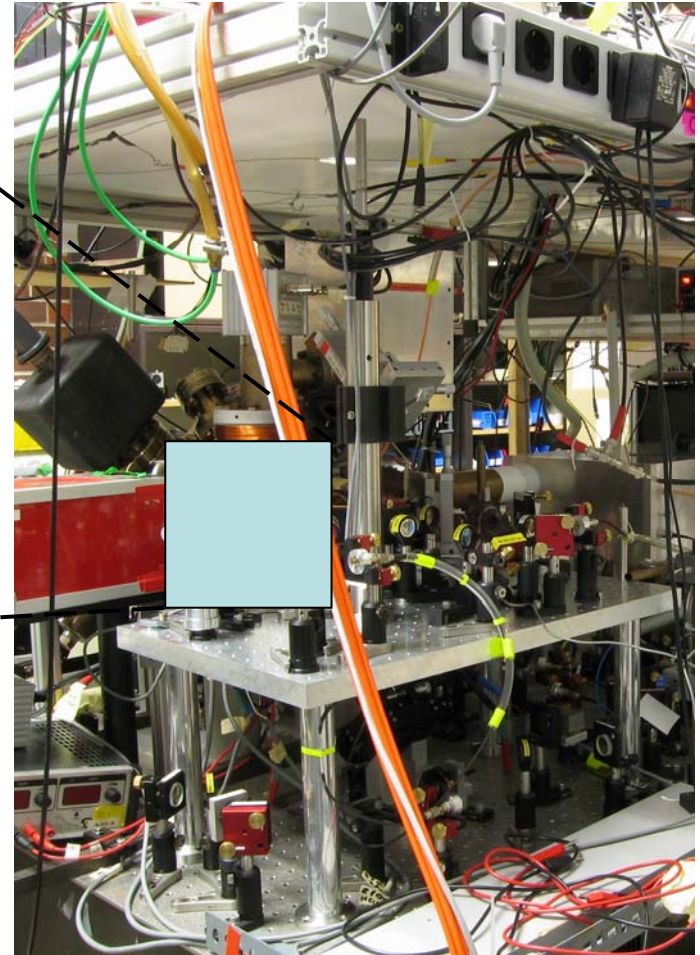
trap

sensor

sensor

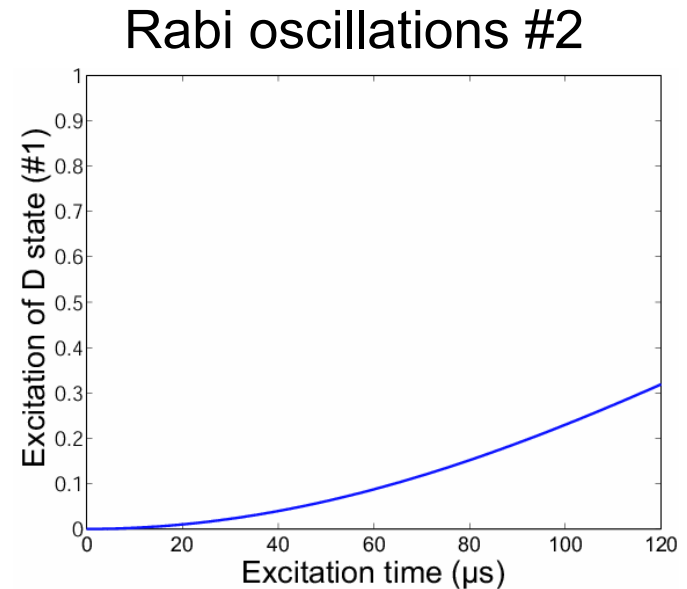
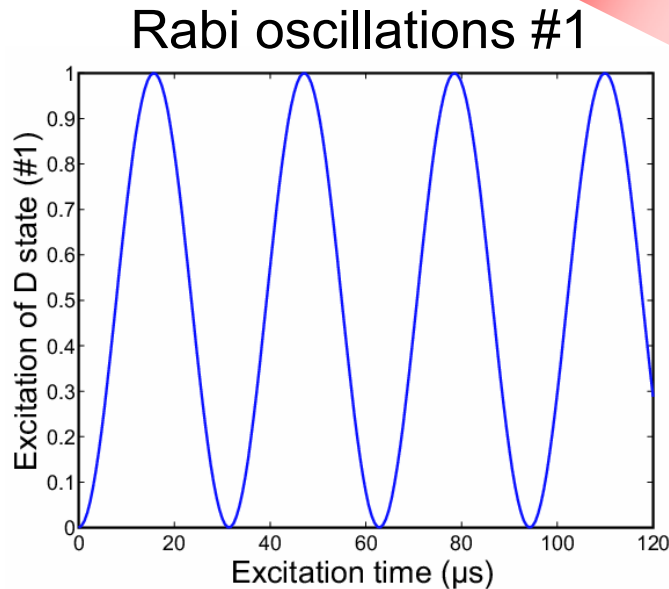
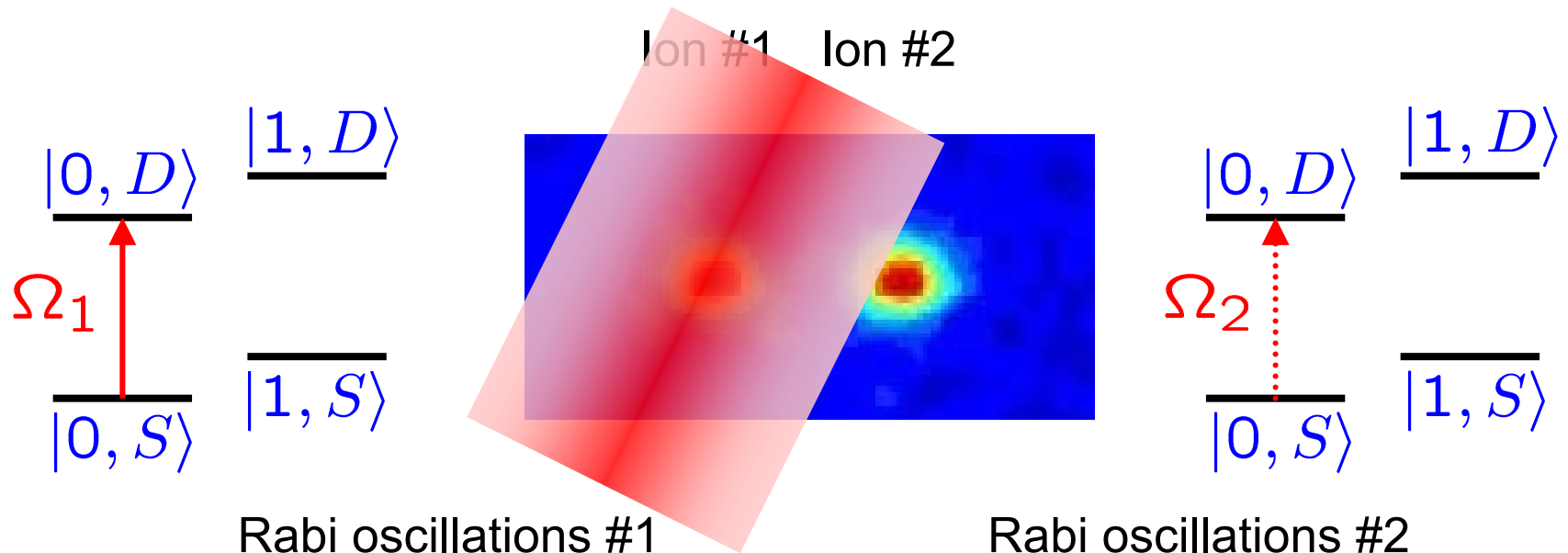
Higher-order gradients prevent the  
two-sensor system from reaching its  
full potential;

field lines may get warped by vacuum  
chamber (needs to be investigated),  
nearby components and by field coils

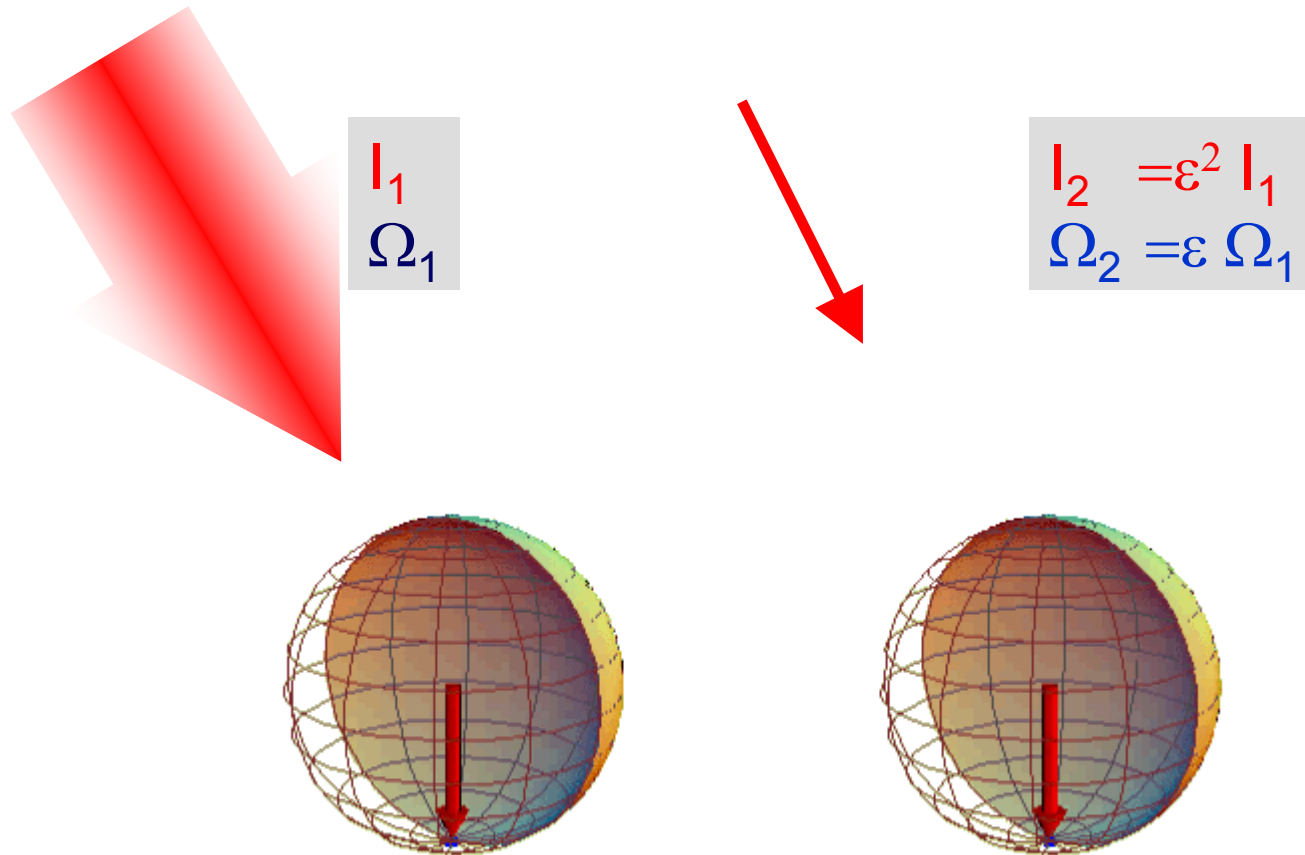


**μ - metal shielding ?**

# Addressing error of individual ions

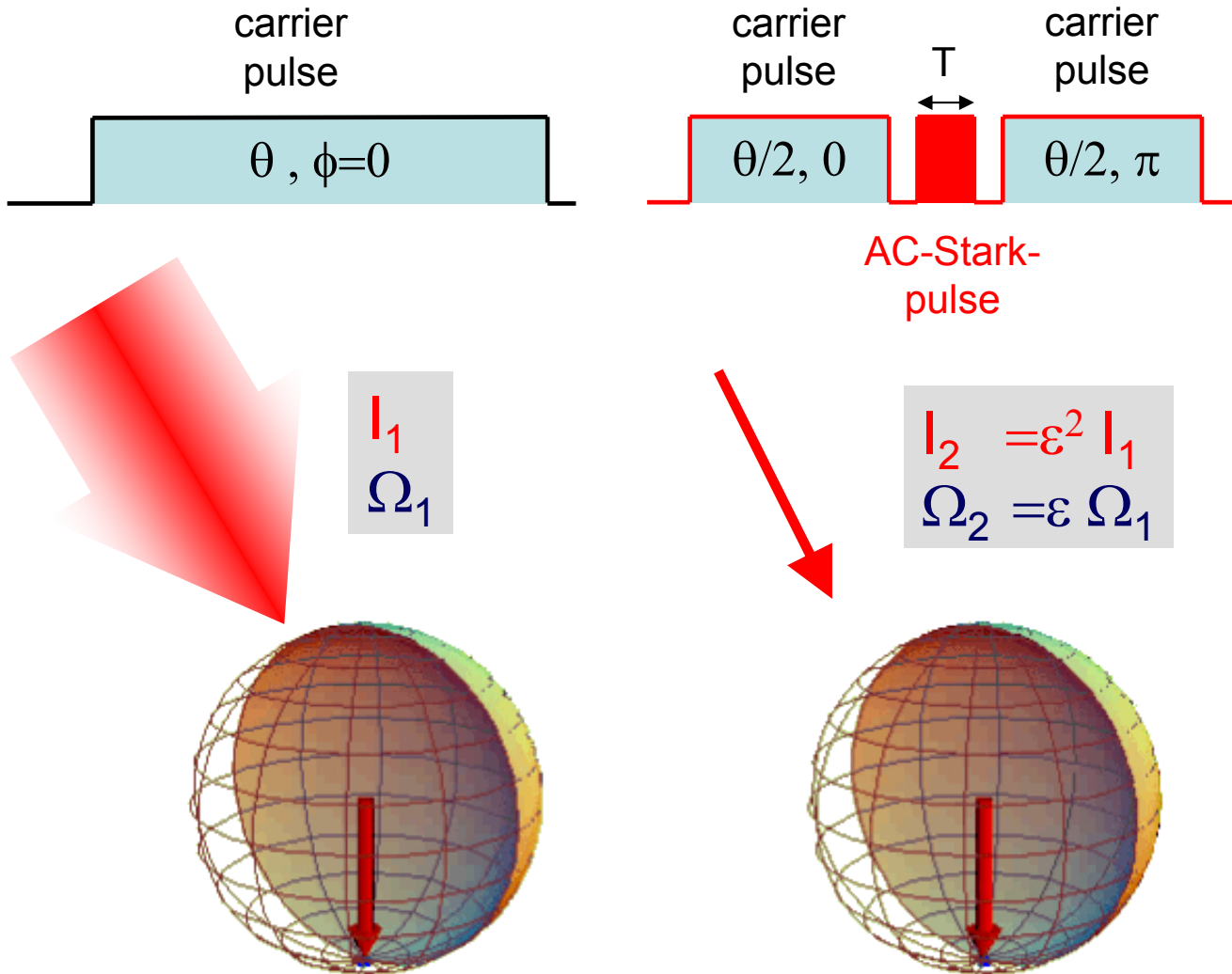


# Addressing error



example:  $\varepsilon = 50\%$

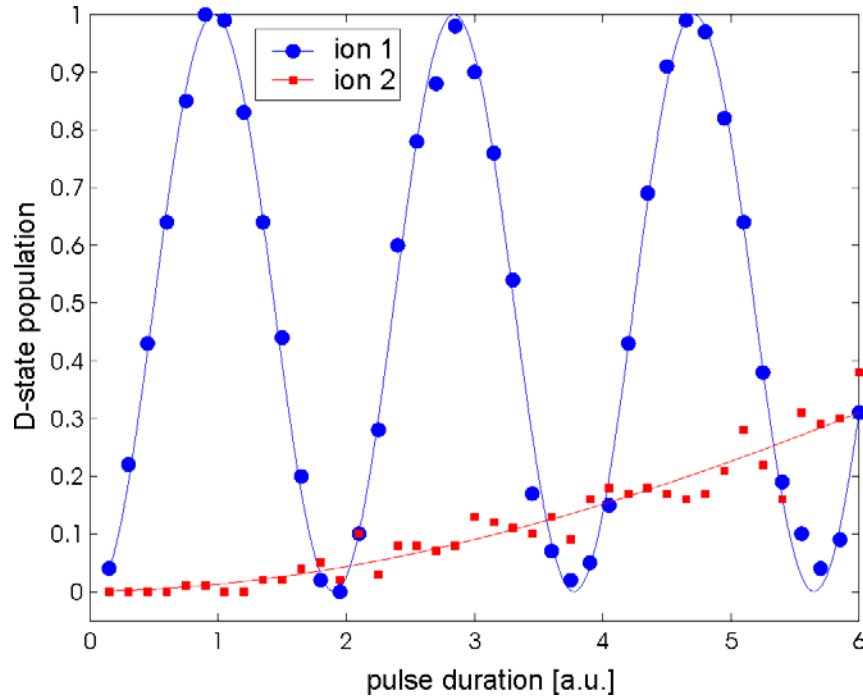
# Correction of the addressing error



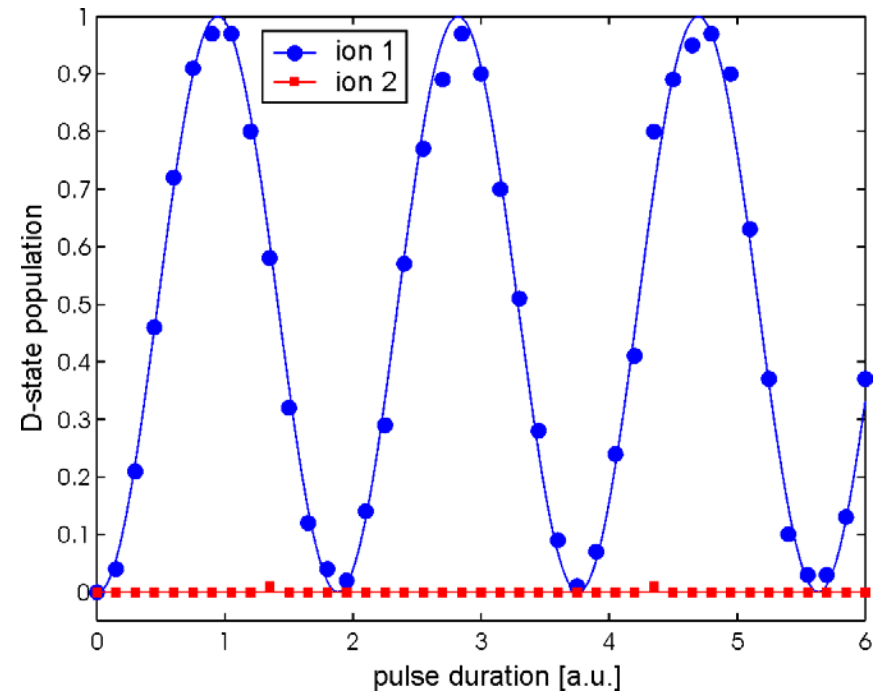
example:  $\varepsilon = 50\%$

# Addressing error correction (November 2005)

$$\epsilon_{\text{add}} = 5.7\%$$



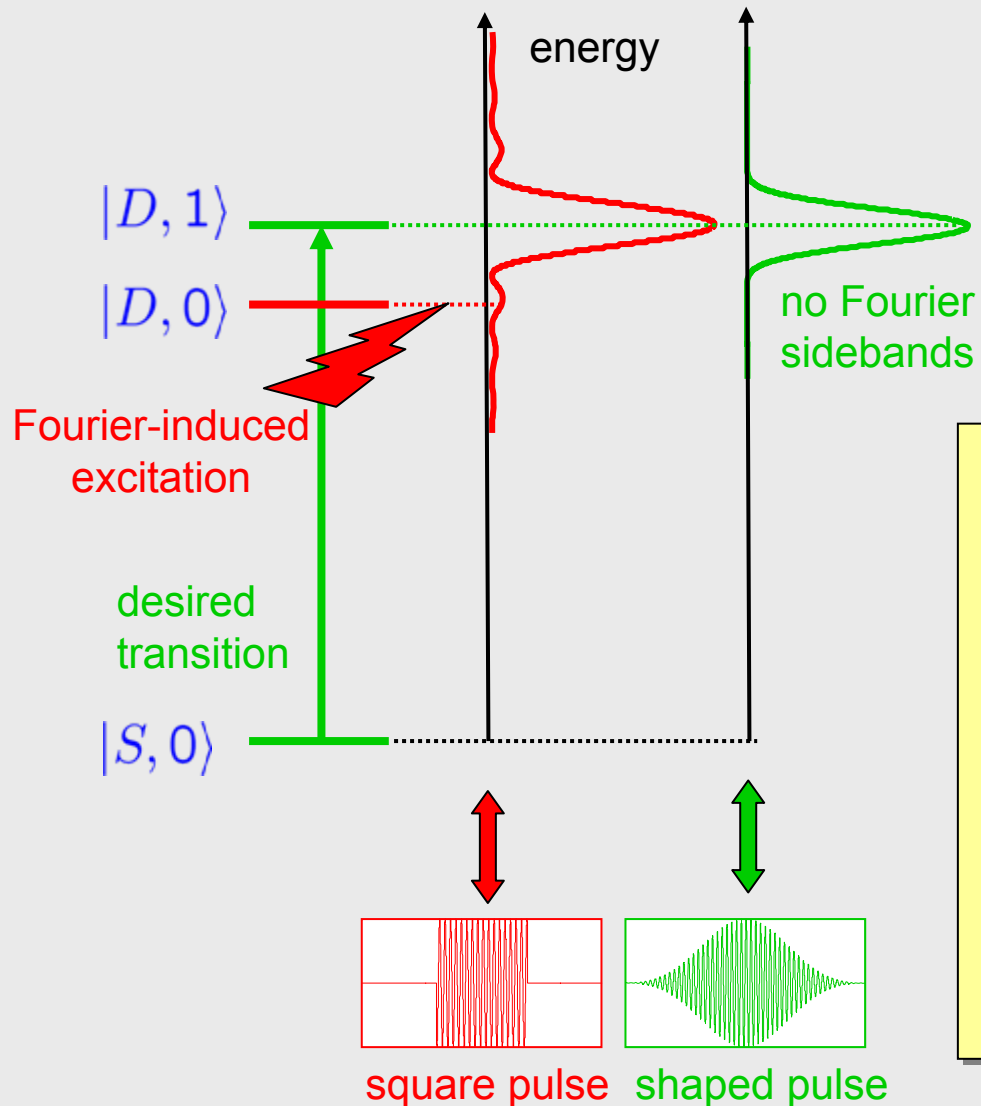
$$\epsilon_{\text{add}} < 1\%$$



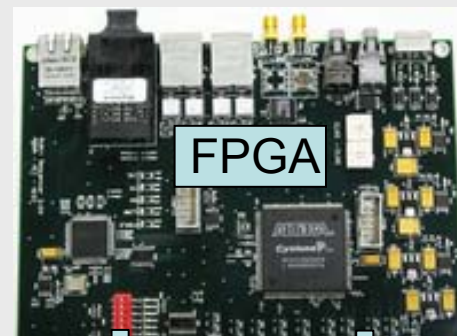
$$\epsilon_{\text{add}} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{not addressed}}}{\Omega_{\text{addressed}}}$$

Correction possible to much better than  
1% residual error on neighbouring ion

# Pulse shaping for improved state manipulation

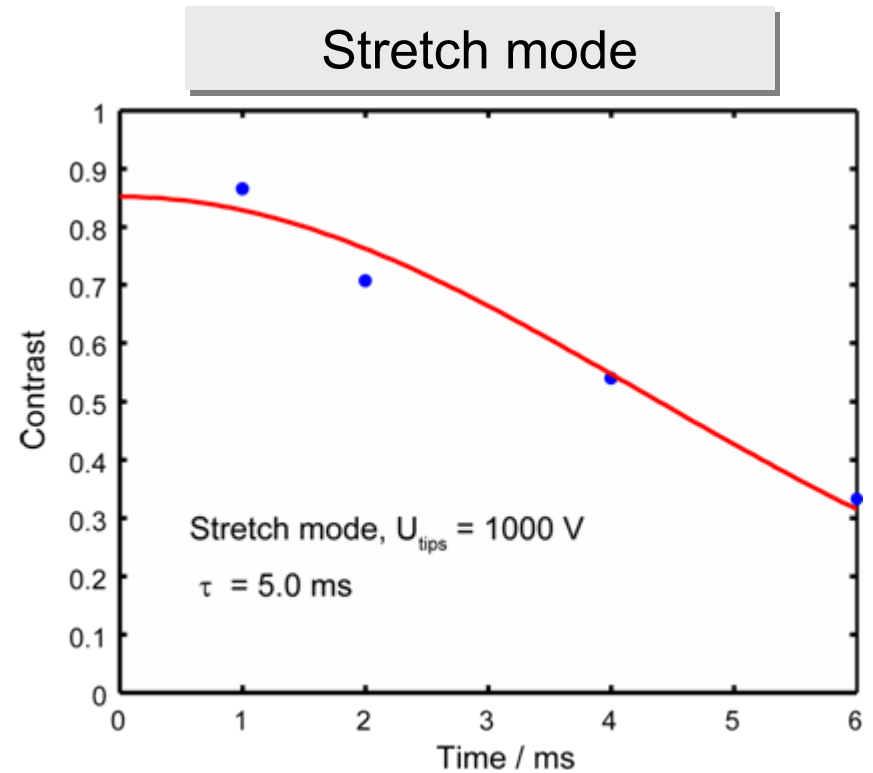
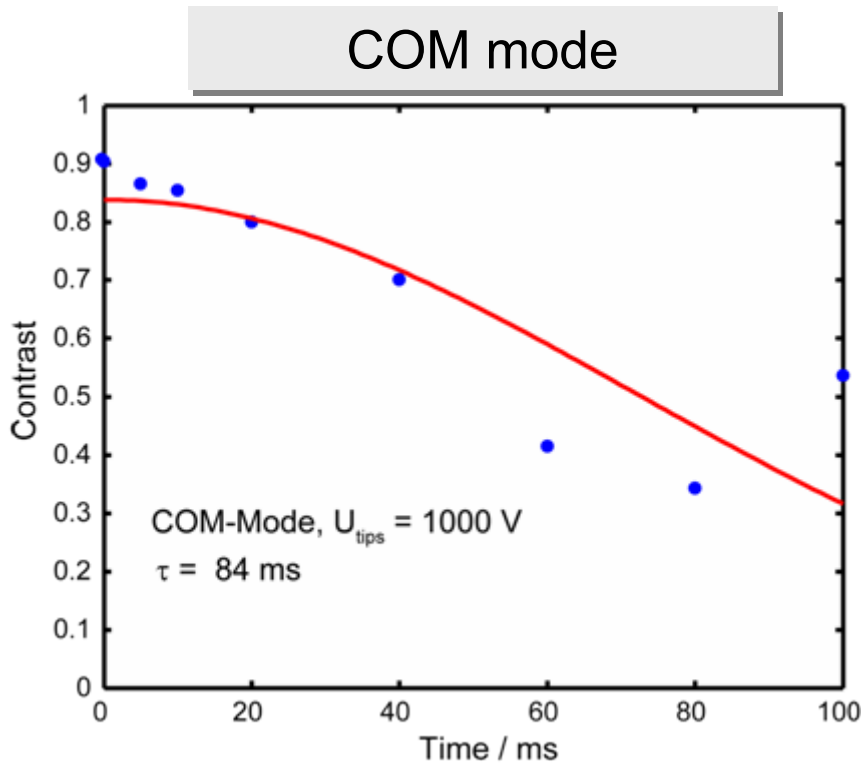


Development of versatile RF source:



Paul Pham, Ike Chuang (MIT)

# Motional decoherence, COM and stretch mode



$$\tau = 84 \text{ ms}$$

$$\tau = 5 \text{ ms} \text{ ?}$$

but....: heating times are similar  $\sim 100 \text{ ms/phonon}$



# Heating time of stretch mode in 2-ion crystal

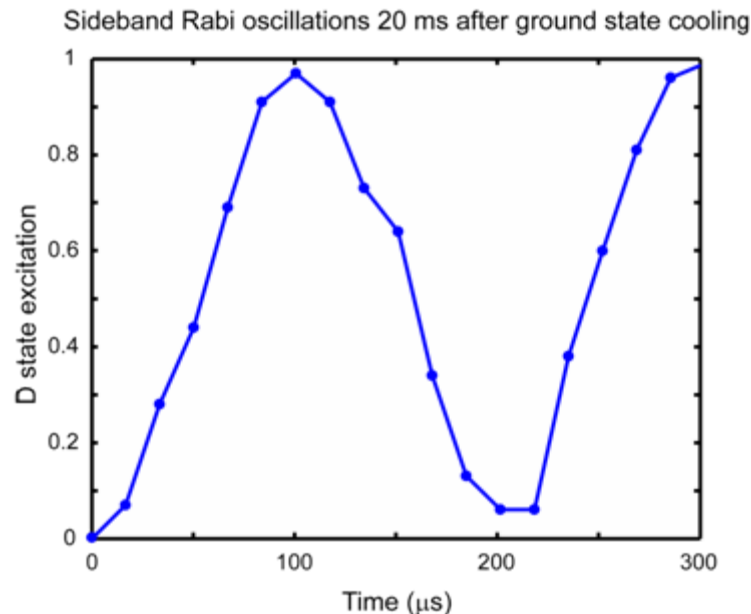
The motional heating rate of the stretch mode is much lower than the dephasing rate:

Experiment:





1. Prepare motional ground state
2. wait 20 ms
3. Drive Rabi oscillations on blue stretch mode sideband

Vibrational quantum number still close to  $n=0$ .

$$U_{\text{tips}} = 1000 \text{ V}$$

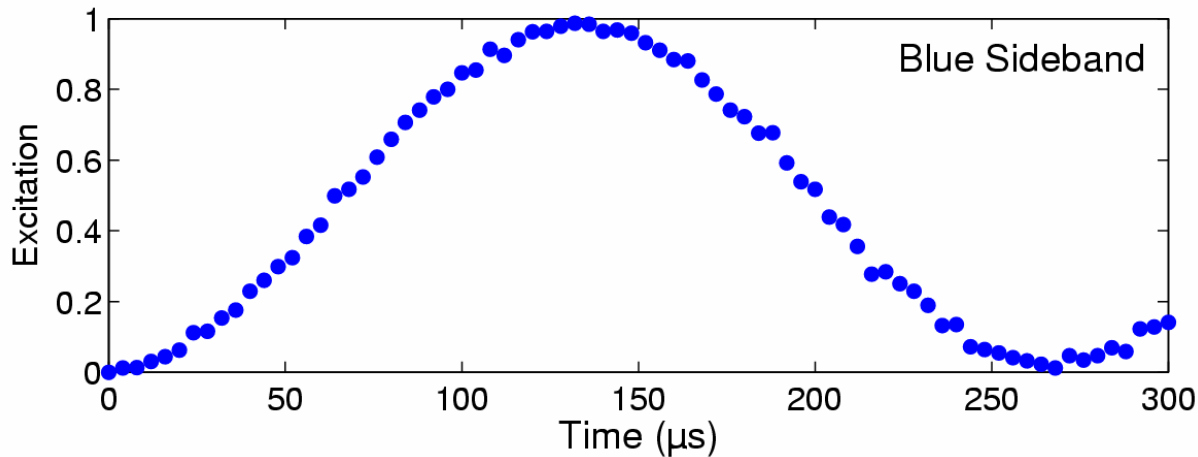
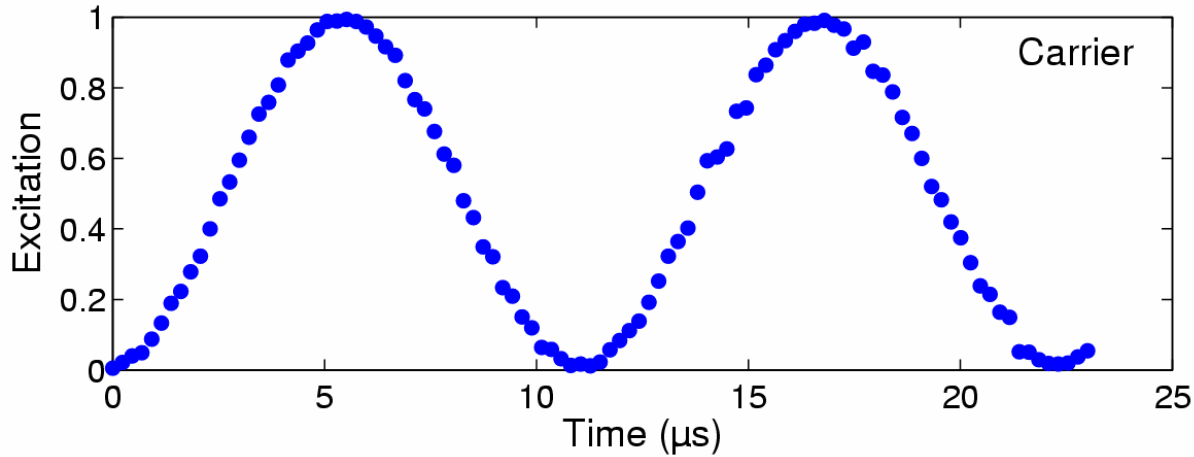


## Work towards improved gate operations

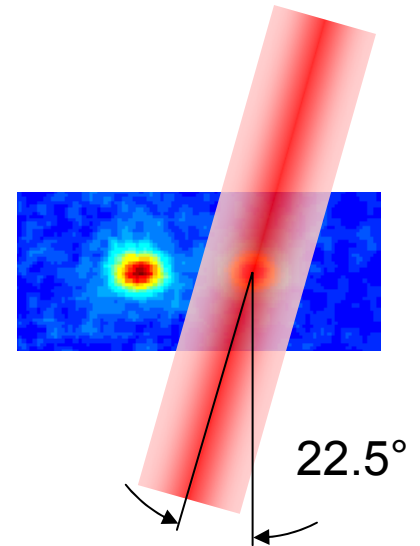
- addressing errors:  
avoid using composite pulses 
- off-resonant excitations:  
avoid using shaped pulses 
- magnetic field fluctuations:  
minimize using active stabilization 
- laser frequency noise:  
minimize using improved stabilization **partially implemented**
- fiber phase noise:  
avoid using fiber noise cancellation 

# Rabi oscillations

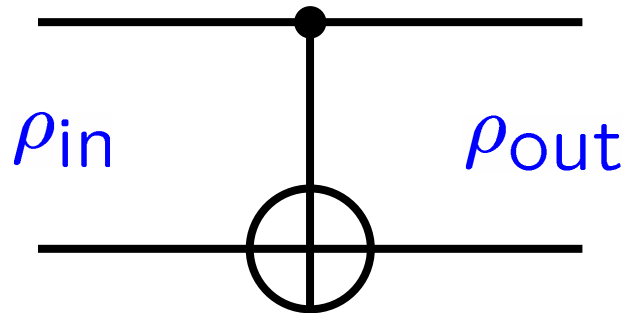
Rabi oscillations of a single ion within a two-ion string



data points: average of 600 measurements



# Quantum Process Tomography



$$\rho_{\text{out}} = \sum \chi_{ij} E_i \rho_{\text{in}} E_j^\dagger$$

$$E_i = A_i \otimes A_j$$

$$A_i \in \{I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\}$$

$\chi_{ij}$

characterizes gate operation completely

# Quantum Process Tomography

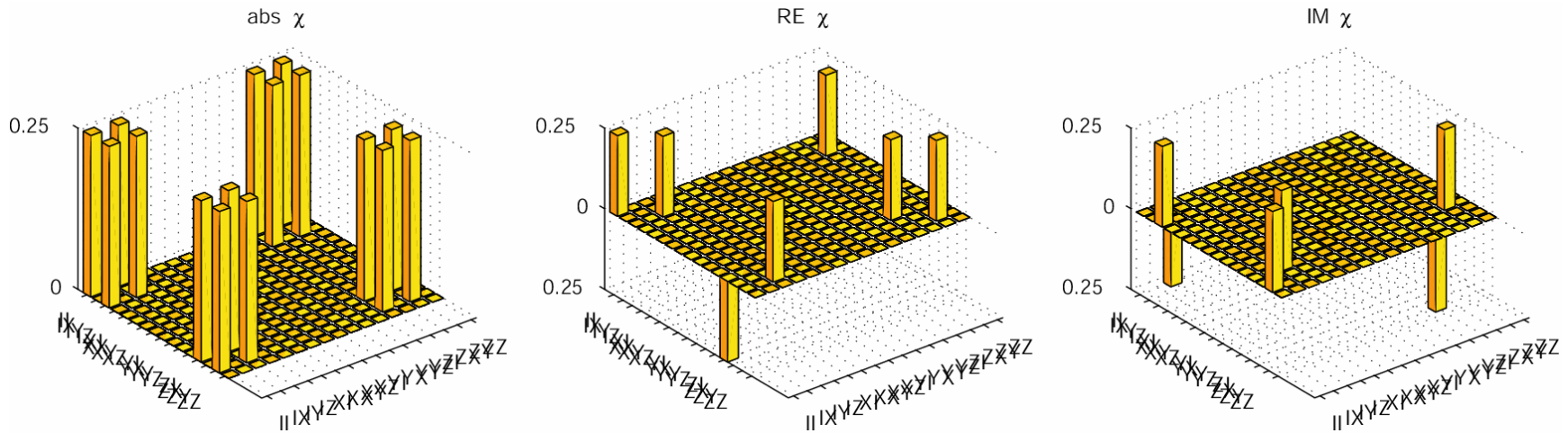
In the basis  $\{I, X, Y, Z\} \equiv \{I, \sigma_x, -i\sigma_y, \sigma_z\}$

we obtain

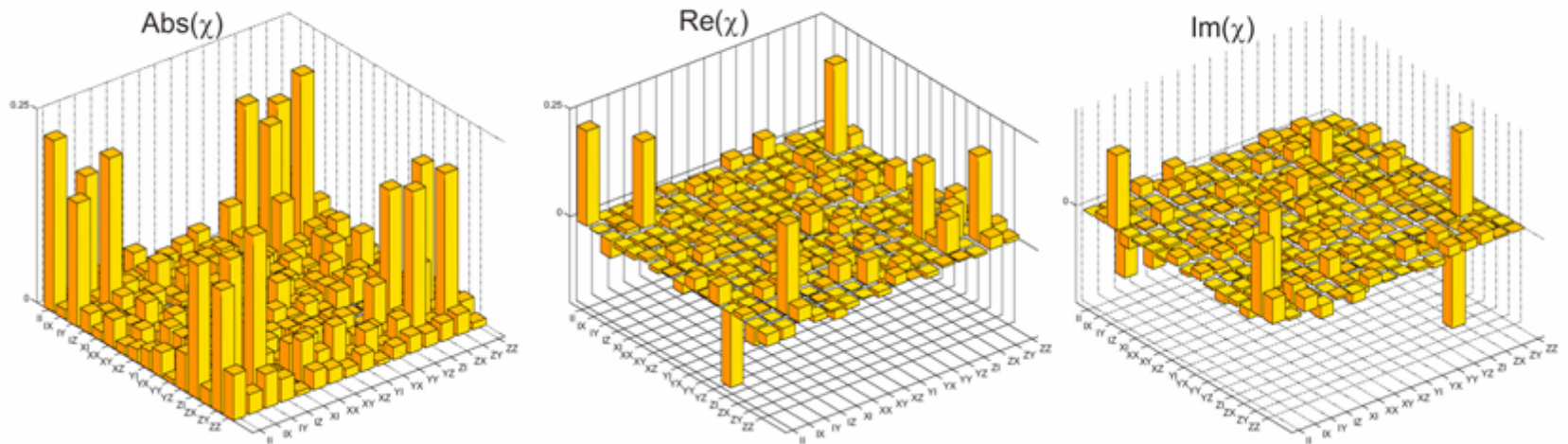
$$U_{\text{CNOT}} = -\frac{1}{2}(I \otimes I + iI \otimes Y - Z \otimes I + iZ \otimes Y)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Quantum Process Tomography: CNOT



The transfer matrix  $\chi$  obtained by quantum process tomography is:



Fidelity:  $\sim 76\%$

## CNOT error budget (February 2006)

Error source	Magnitude	Fidelity loss
Frequency noise (fast)	< 160 Hz (FWHM)	< 5 %
Frequency noise (slow)	~ 160 Hz (FWHM)	~ 0.6 %
Laser intensity noise	3 % peak to peak	0.1 %
Addressing error (can be corrected for partially)	3 % in Rabi frequency (at neighbouring ion)	1 %
Off resonant excitations	for $t_{\text{gate}} = 600 \mu\text{s}$	- (Pulse shaping)
Residual thermal excitation	$\langle n \rangle_{\text{bus}} < 0.02$ $\langle n \rangle_{\text{spec}} = 6$	< 2 % 0.4 %
Total	February 2006	~ 9 %

# Open questions ....

Error modelling

→ gate fidelity of  $\sim 90\%$

Experiment (gate tomography)

→ gate fidelity of  $\sim 75 - 80\%$



**What are we missing ?**













**What improvements can be done ?**

- ▶ further technical improvements (laser linewidth, magnetic field)
- ▶ yet better measurements, characterization required
- ▶ better physical solutions necessary  
(less sensitive states, better encoding, error correcting sequences)
  - e.g. decoherence free subspaces (DFS)



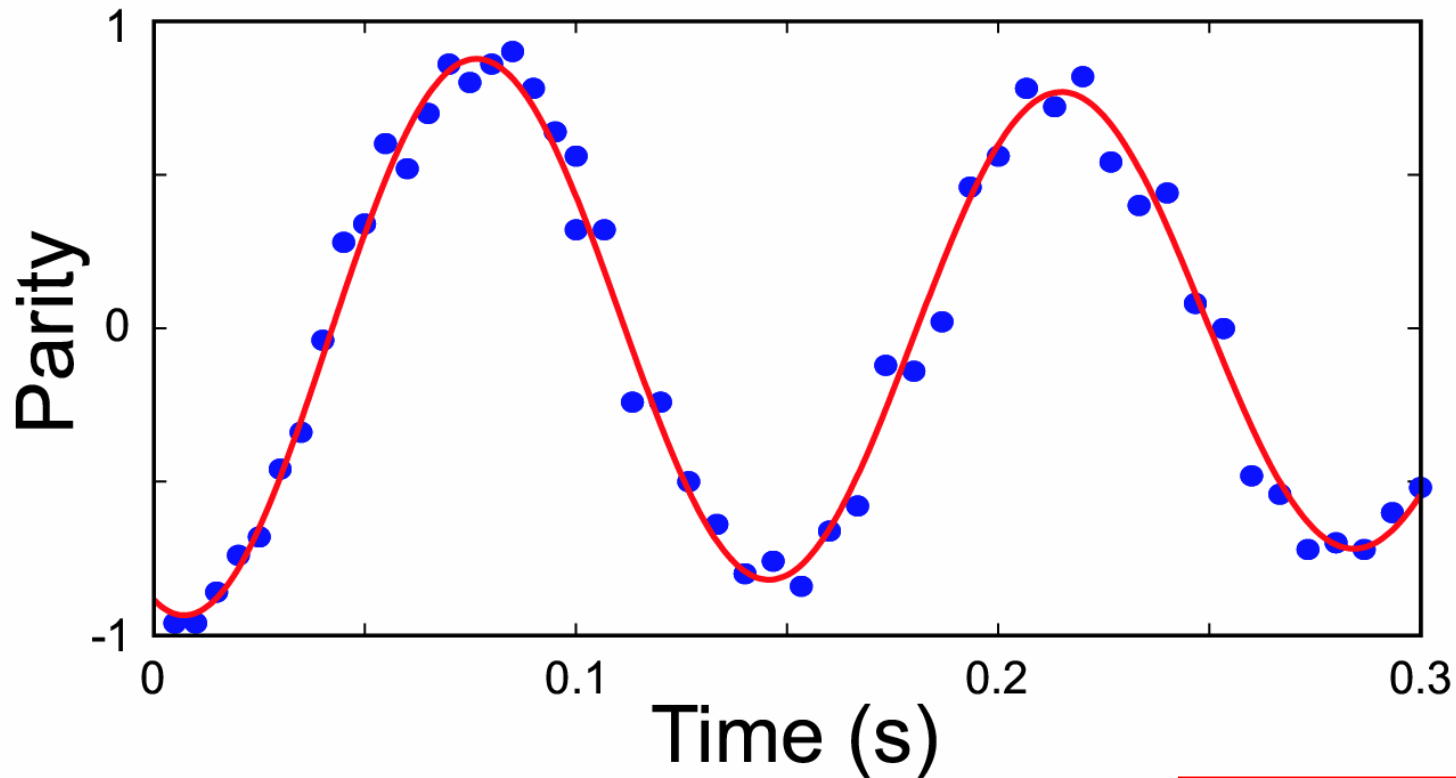
# Different Decoherence-free Subspaces (DFS)

DFS: encoding quantum information in superpositions

sensitive to	laser frequency	magnetic field	excited state lifetime
$ S\rangle +  D\rangle$			
$ SD\rangle +  DS\rangle$			
$ SS'\rangle +  S'S\rangle$			
$ SS'\rangle +  DD'\rangle$			

## Decoherence-free Bell states

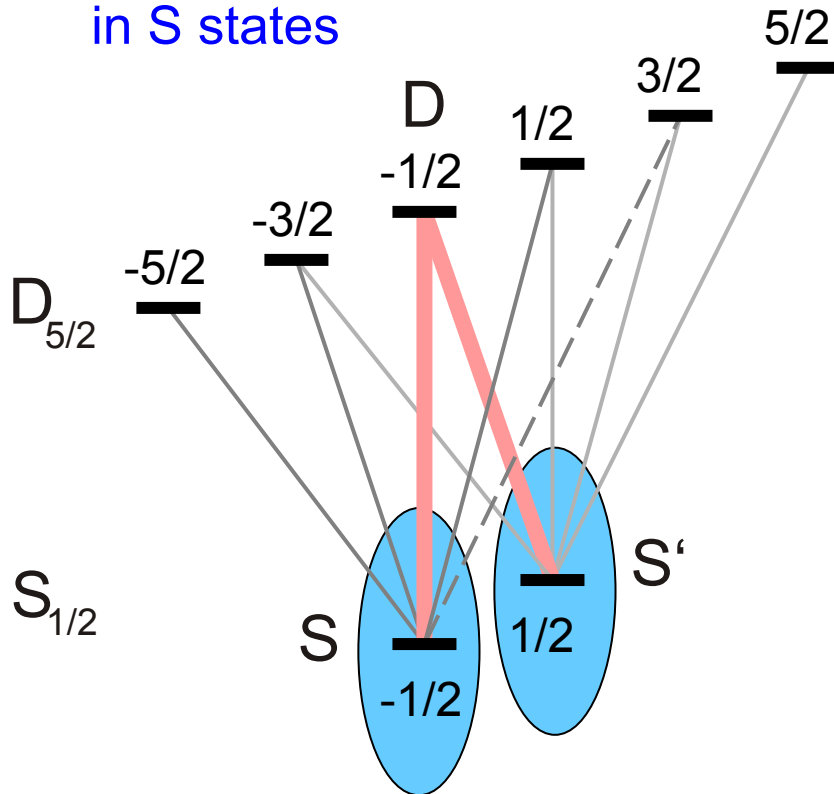
$$\psi_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|SD\rangle - |DS\rangle)$$



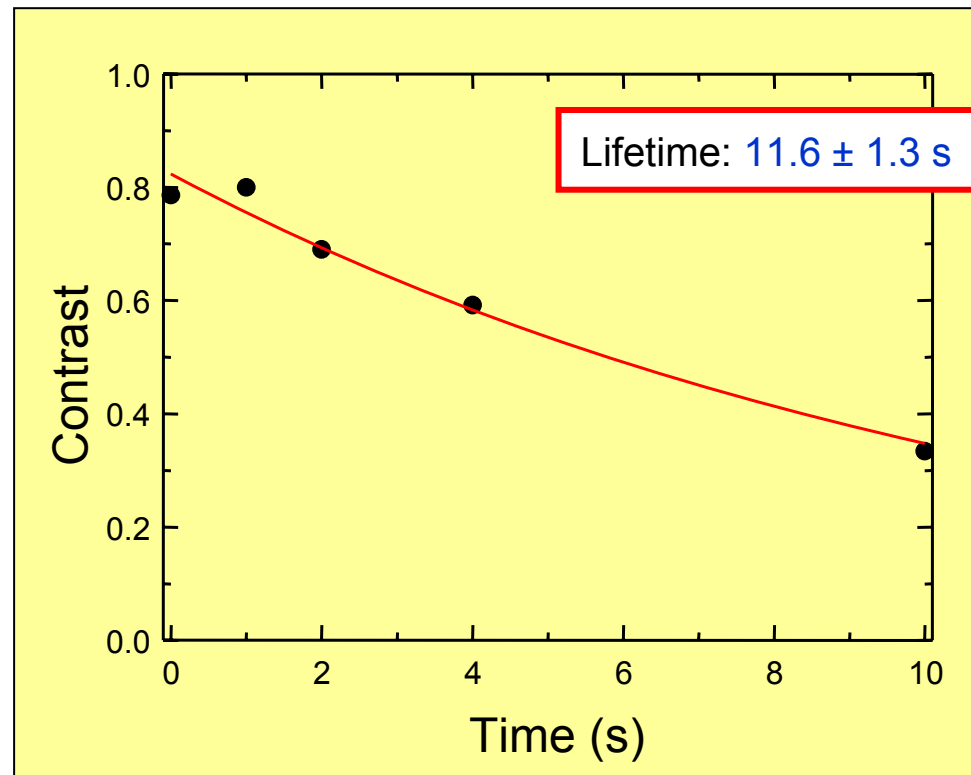
**decoherence-time:**  
**0.5 x 1.05(15) s**

# Decoherence-free Bell states

prepare qubits  
in S states



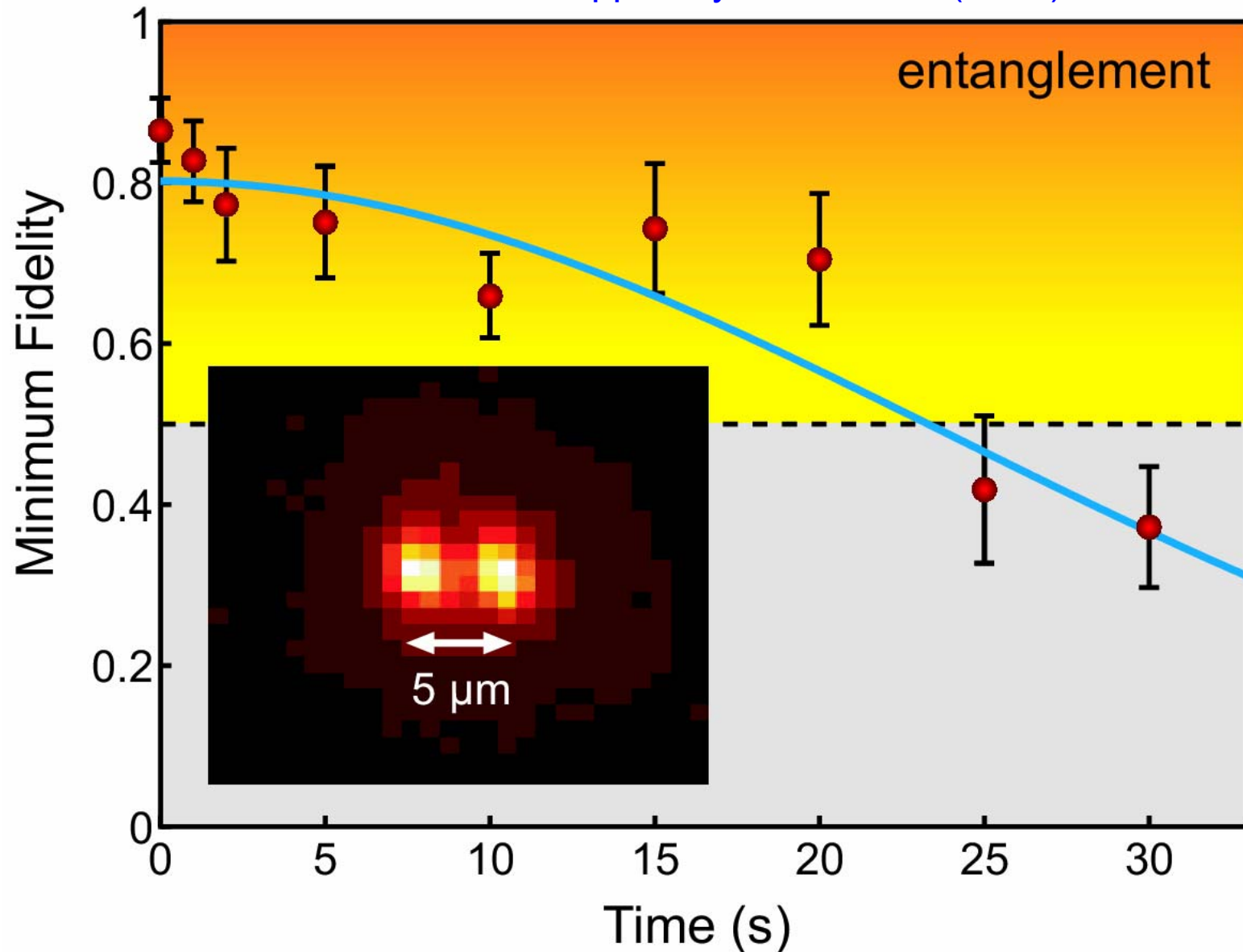
Hiding states in S, S' states  
avoids decoherence from  
spontaneous emission



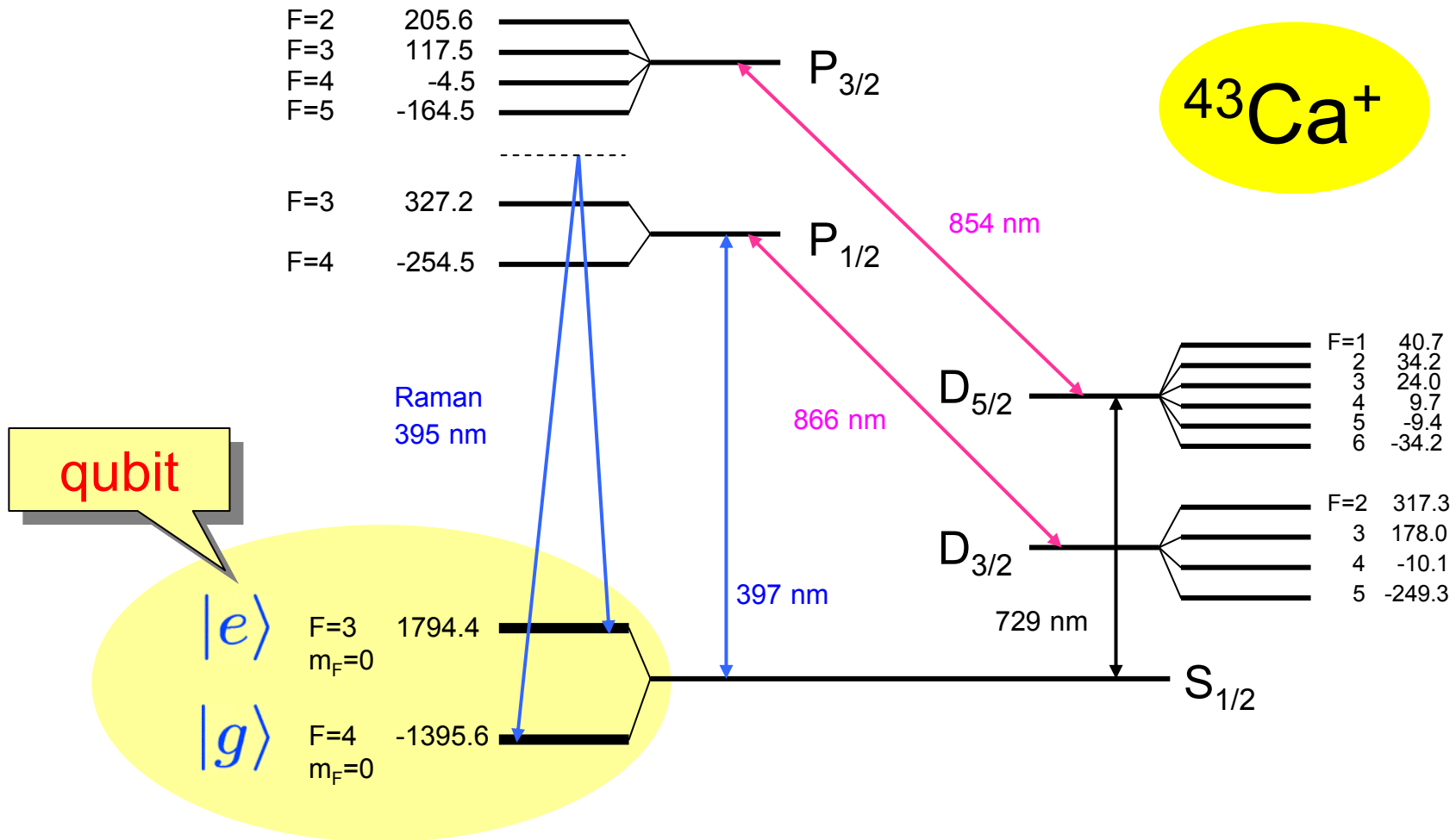
$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|SS'\rangle + e^{i\phi}|S'S\rangle)$$

# Robust entanglement

H. Häffner et al., Appl. Phys. **B** 81, 151 (2005)



# Level scheme of $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$

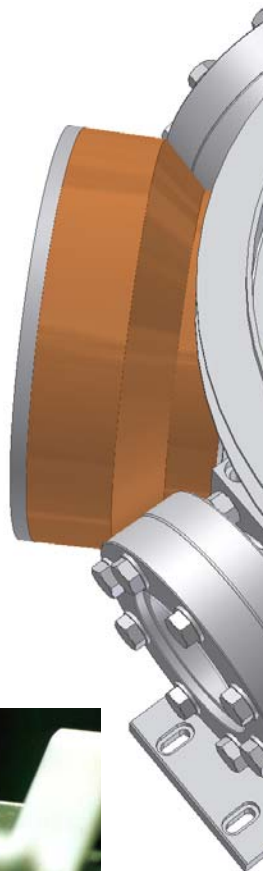


# $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ Apparatus

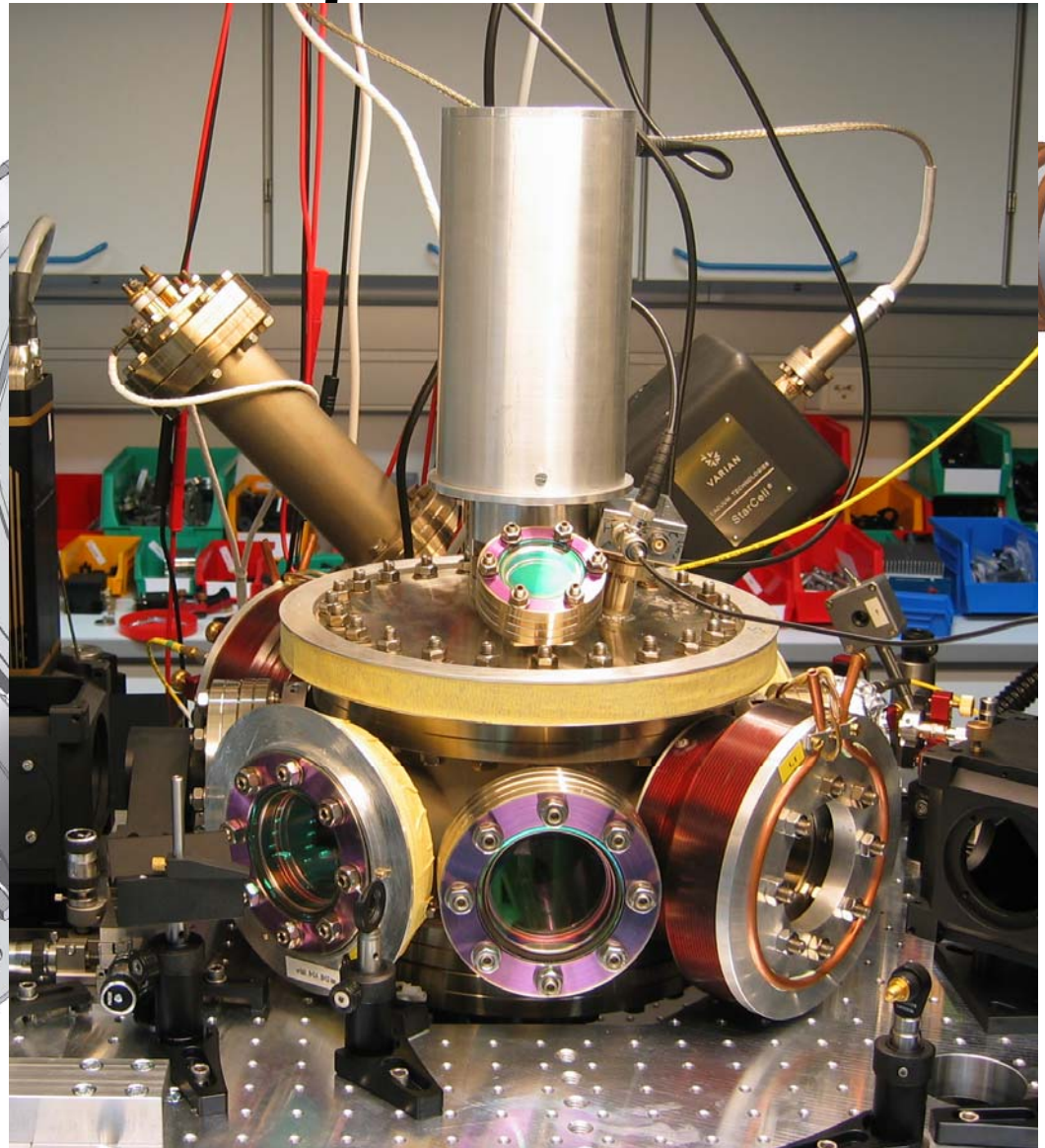
Raman R1, B1



opt.  
pumping



Raman



repump

## Current status of the $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ experiment

- Detection system completed,  
count rates two times higher than in „old“  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  setup. ✓
- Compensation of micromotion was done ✓
- Photoionization loading of  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$  works ✓
- Doppler cooling of  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$  ,  
Single  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$  ions, strings of  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$  ions are routinely prepared ✓
- Setup of shelving laser and Raman laser is finished ✓

## Work in progress

- Optimization of laser cooling (the whole spiel)
- Spectroscopy on the shelving transition
- Raman transitions between hyperfine ground states (soon)

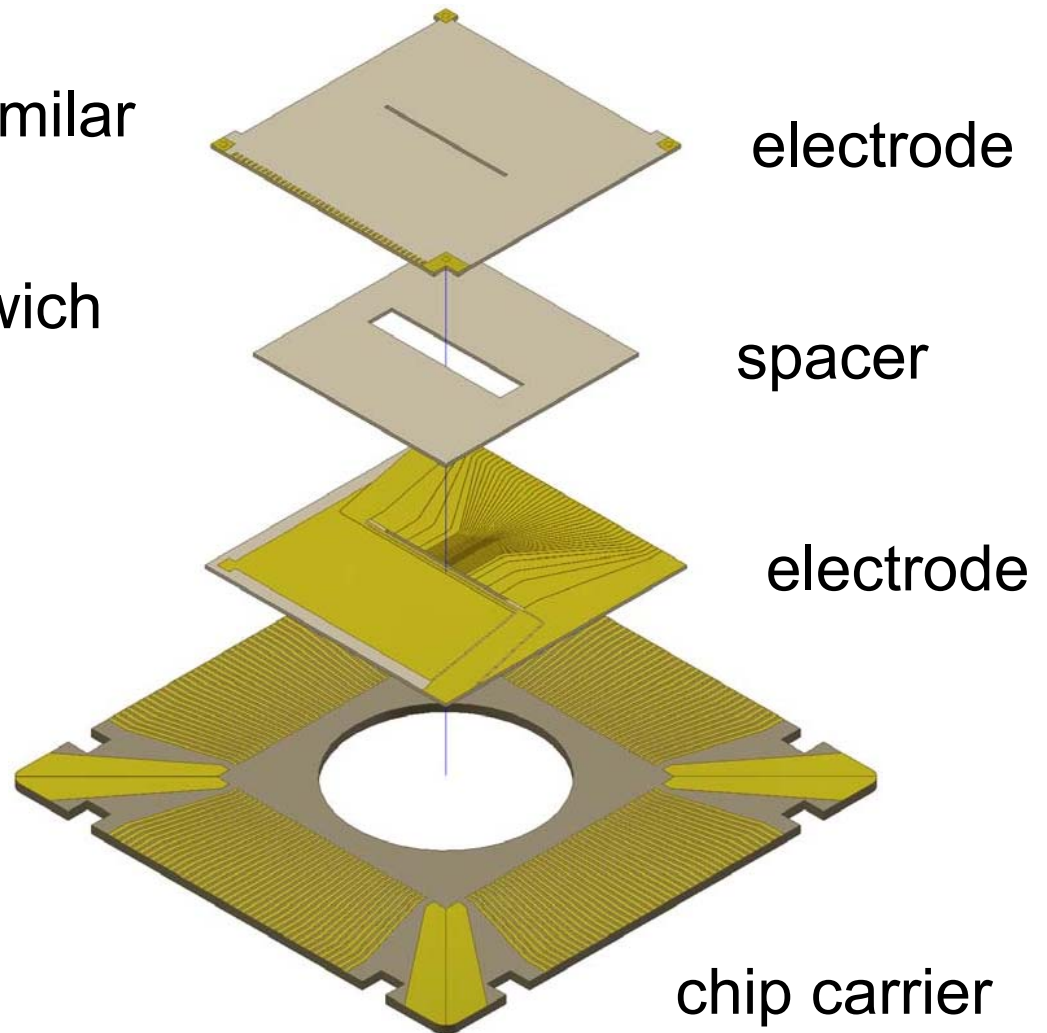


# Innsbruck segmented trap (2005)

- electrode design similar as in 2004
- assembly as sandwich on chip carrier

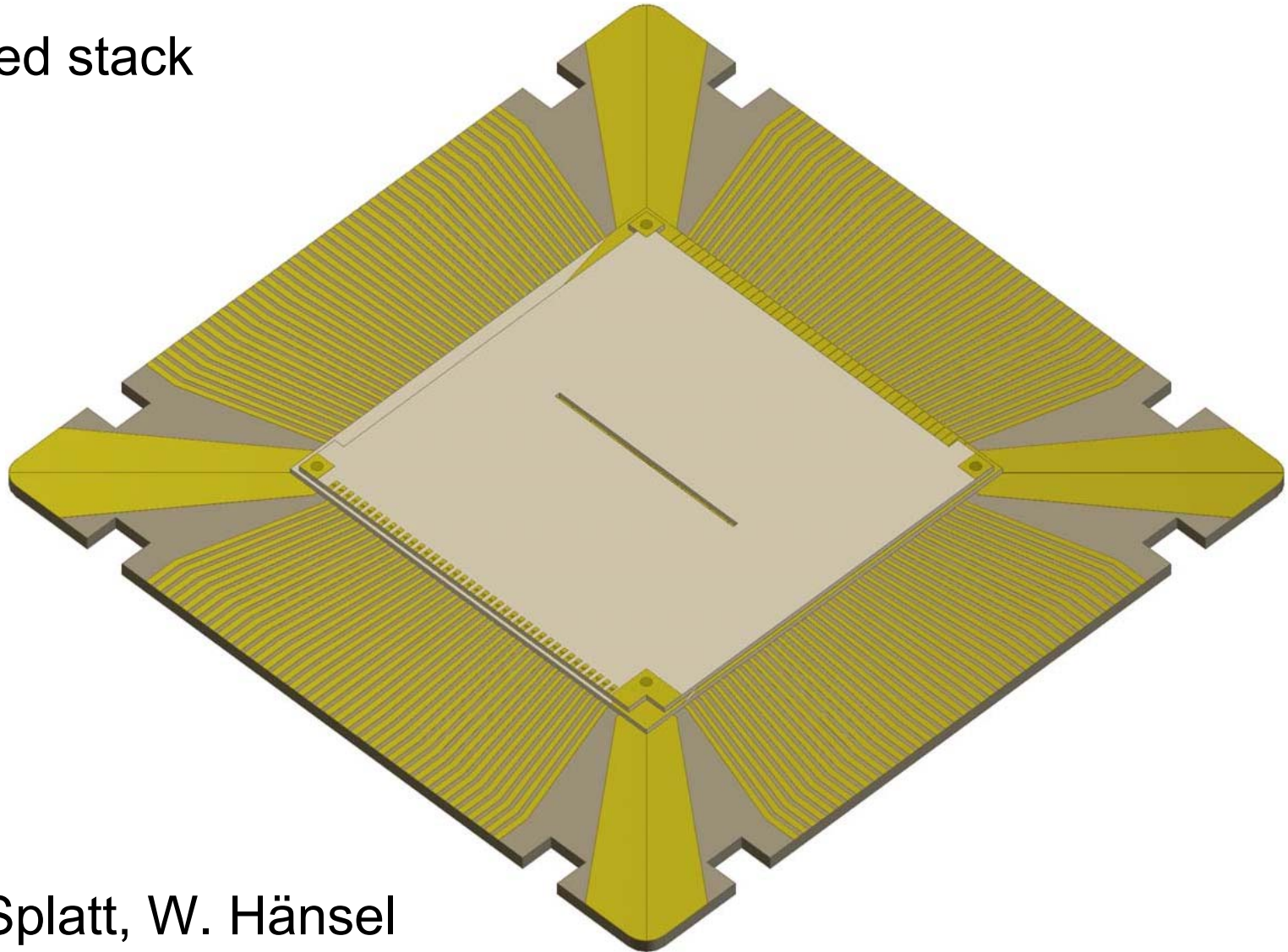
## work by

- ▶ Felicity Splatt
- ▶ Wolfgang Hänsel



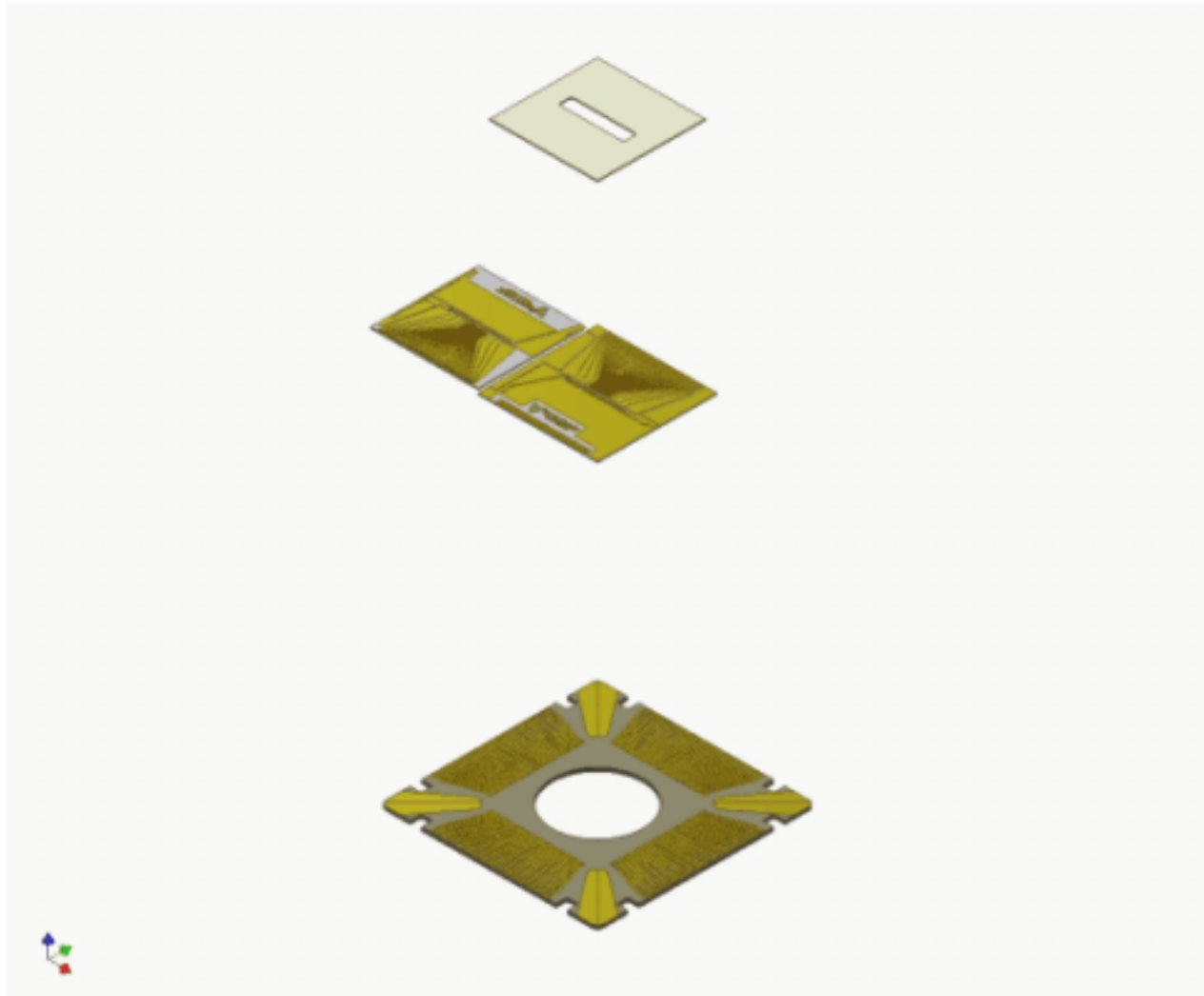
# Innsbruck ion chip (2005)

glued stack



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# Assembly of the chip trap



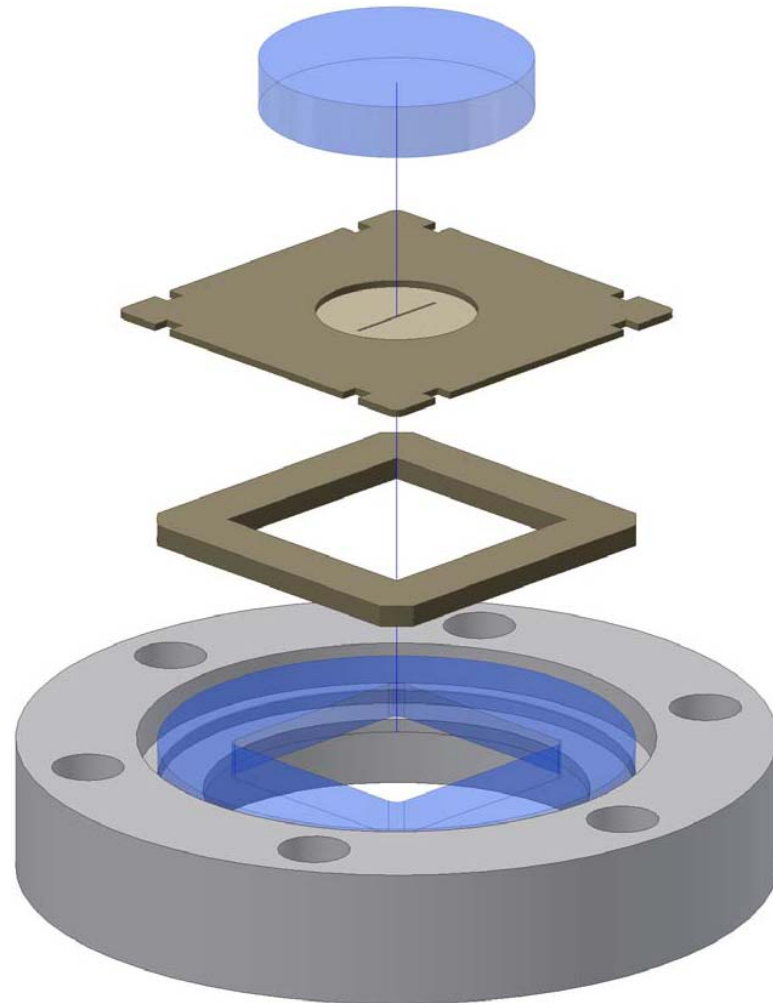
# Assembly of Innsbruck ion chip (2005)

top window

ion chip

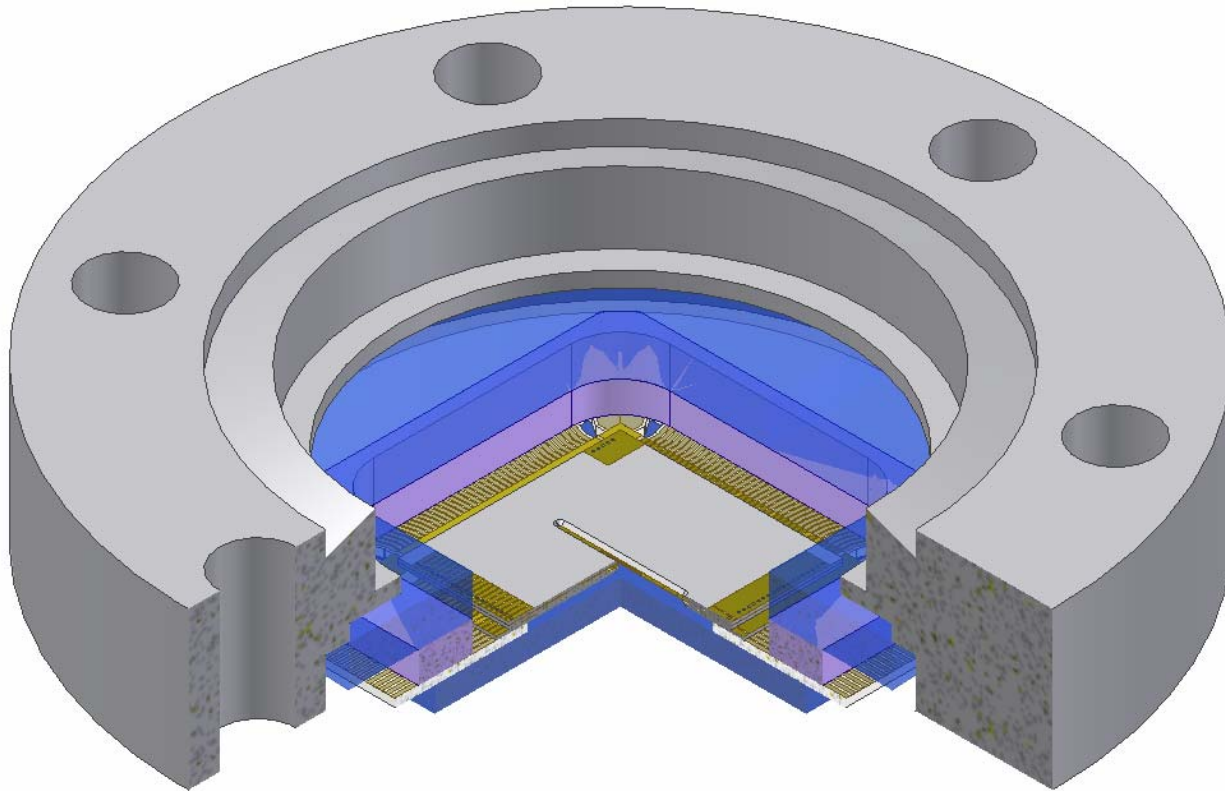
ceramic spacer

conflat flange



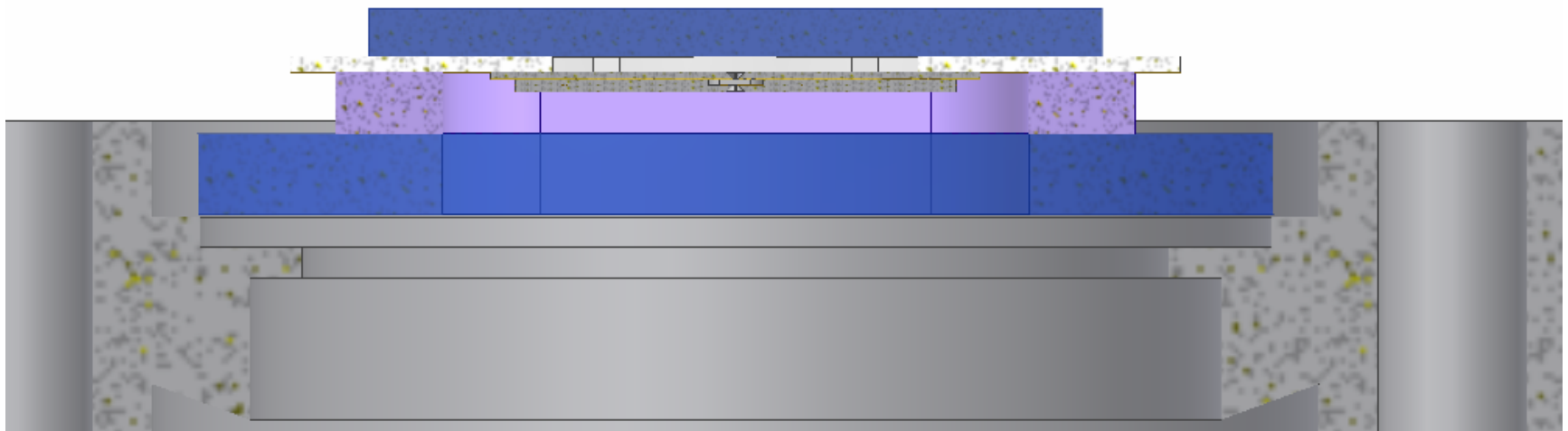
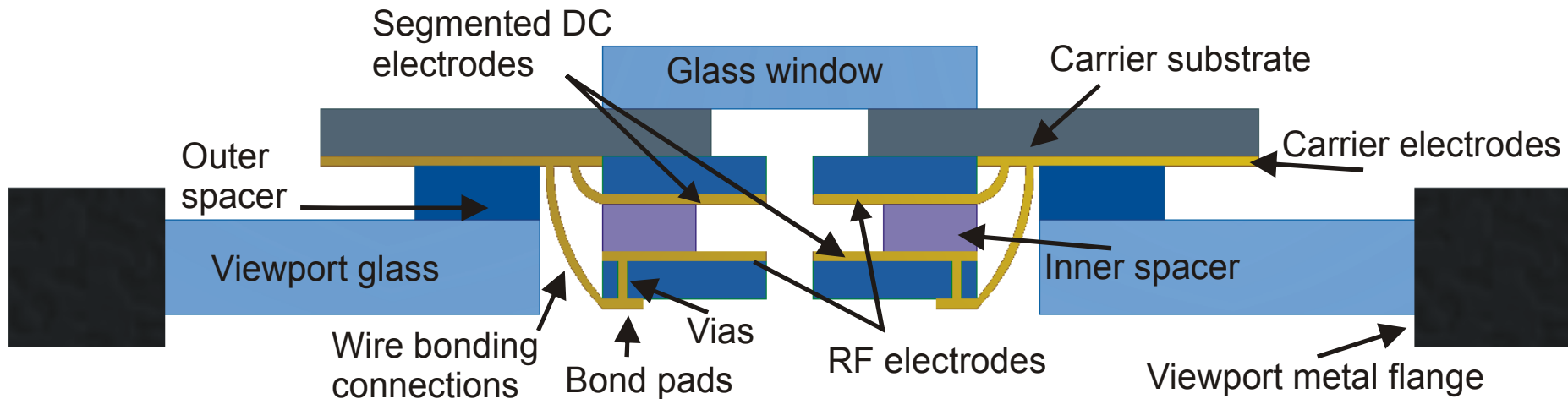
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# Flange mount



# Cross sectional view of trap mounted in flange

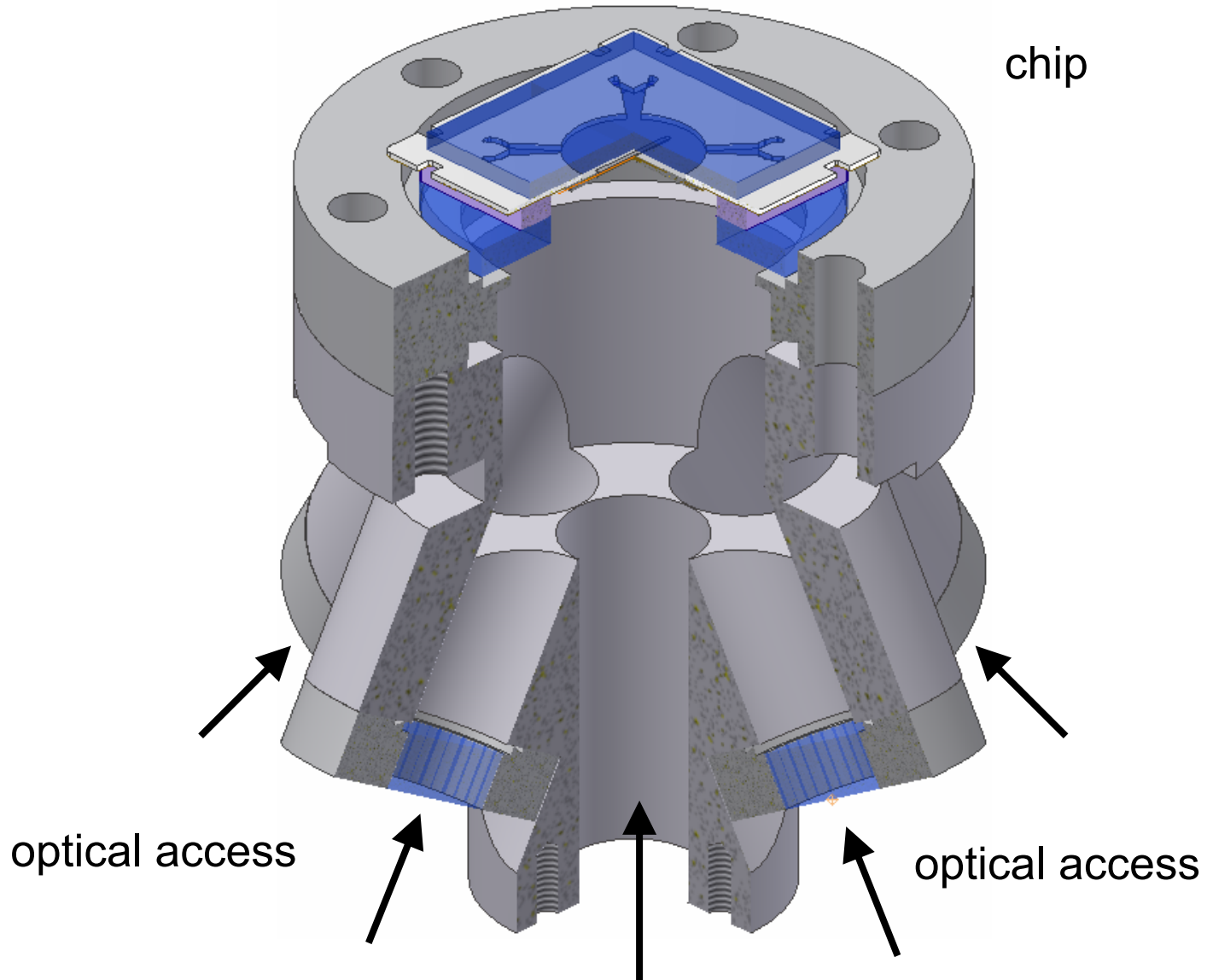
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(to scale)

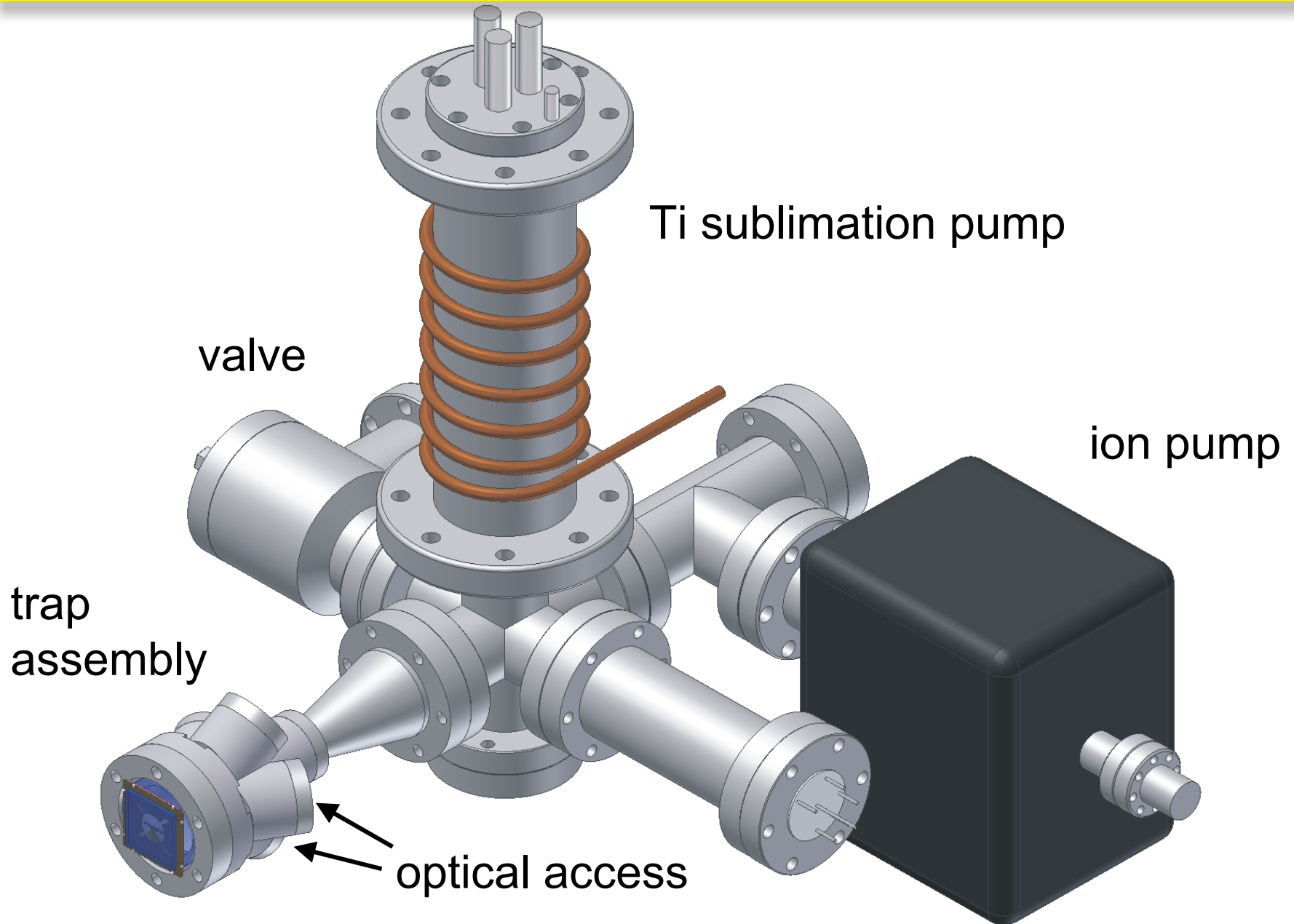
F. Splatt, 2006

# Cross section of mounted flange

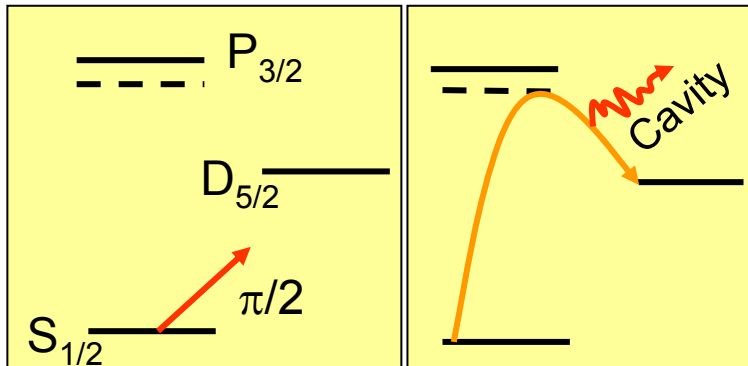




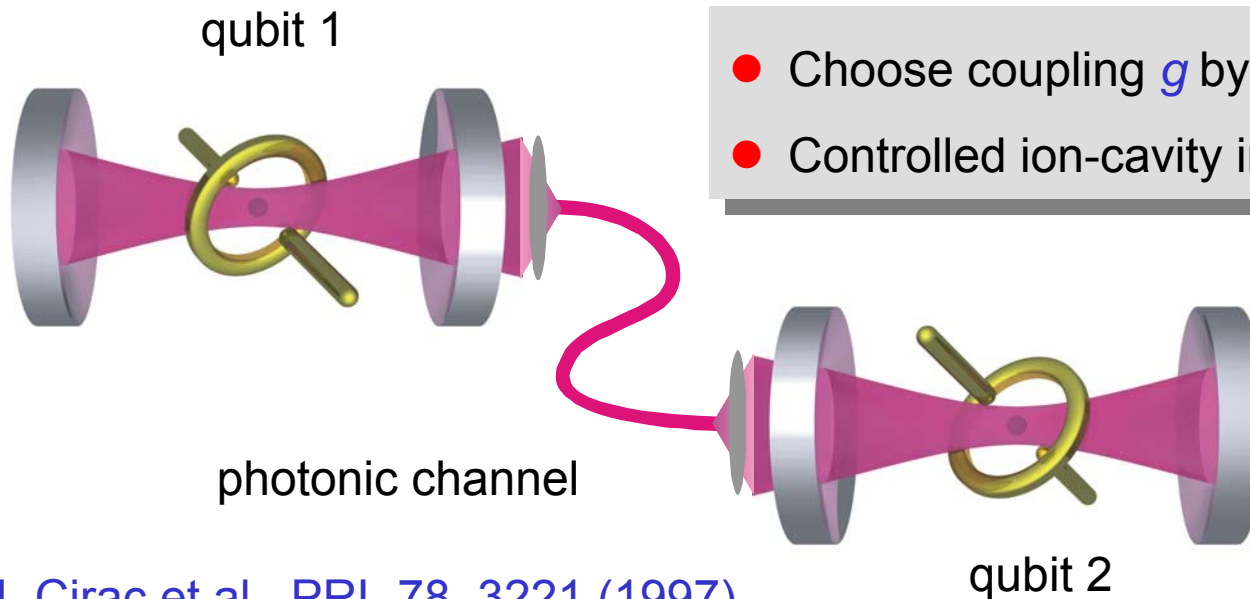
# Entire vacuum apparatus



# Qubit interfacing: transferring quantum information

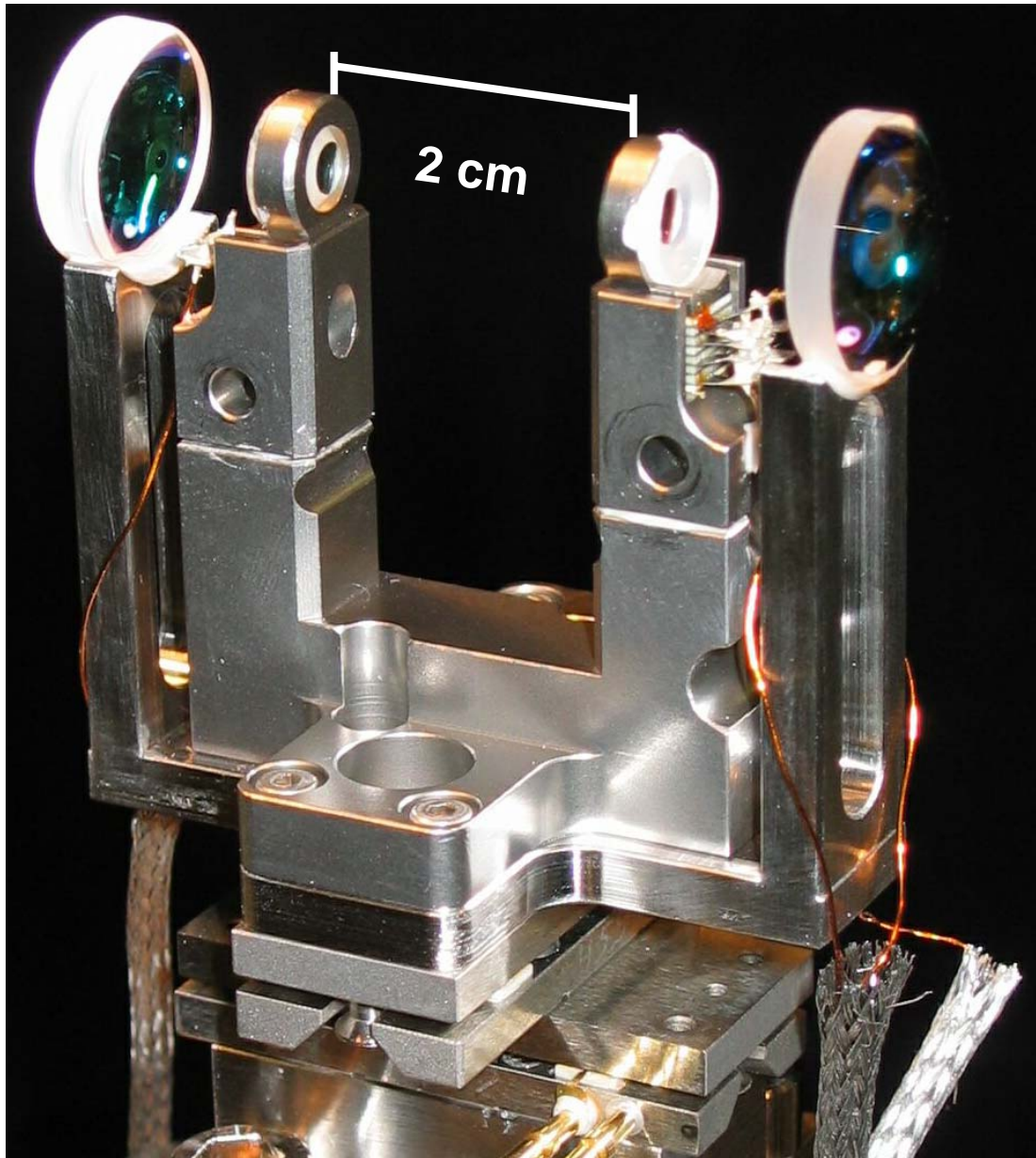


- Transfer quantum state of the ion to cavity photon: qubit interface
- Create superposition photon state (STIRAP)
- Detect cavity output and ion state



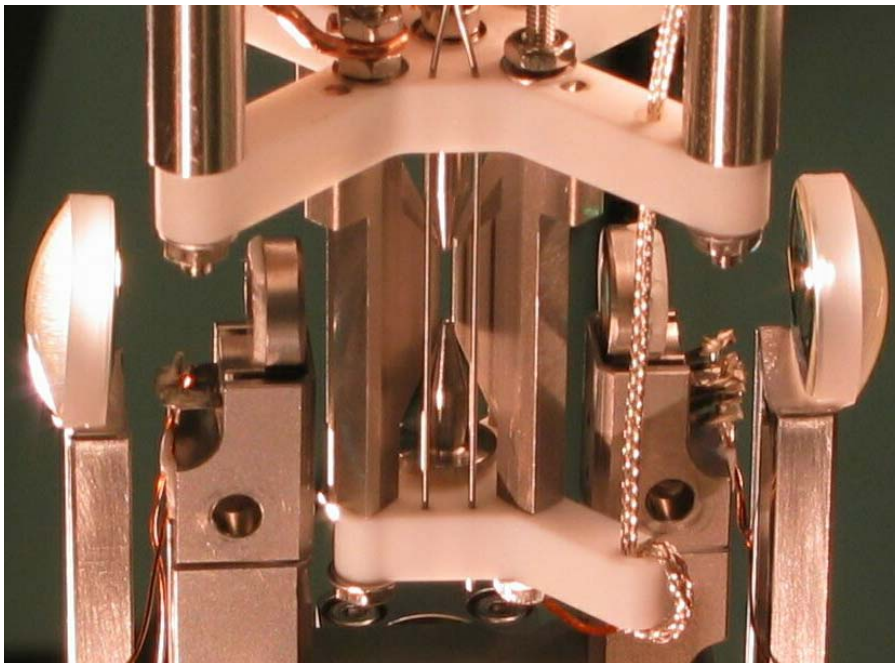
- Choose coupling  $g$  by STIRAP detuning
- Controlled ion-cavity interaction

# Cavity and ion trap (2004)



C. Becher, C. Russo

# Cavity and ion trap as single photon source



2 cm

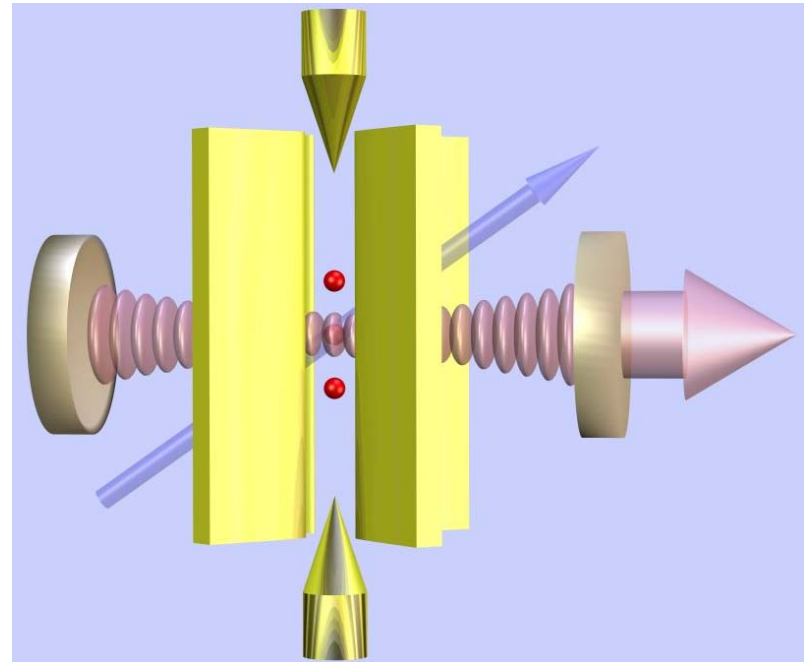
Finesse  $\sim 80000$

waist  $\sim 13 \mu\text{m}$   
(nearly concentric cavity)

expect  $\sim 20 \text{ kHz}$  single photons  
with  $\sim 90\%$  emission into cavity

details:

C. Maurer, C. Becher et al.  
New Journ. Physics **6**, 94 (2004)





## Vision: going smaller, merging with ion chip

Achieve strong coupling: small mode volumes

Estimate for $g = \Gamma = \kappa$ :	cavity length	$L = 1\text{mm}$
	Finesse	$F = 6.800$
	waist size	$w_0 = 6.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$



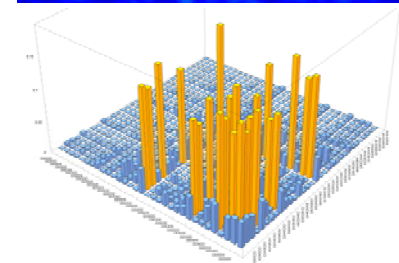
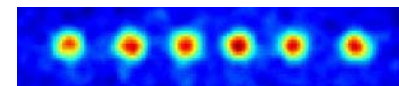
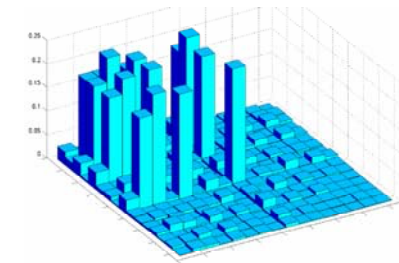
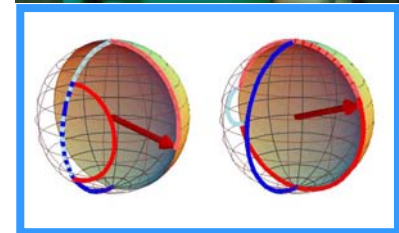
cf. J. Reichel, T. Hänsch et al., 2005

# Quantum information processing with $\text{Ca}^+$ in Innsbruck

- ◆ state of the art: up to 8 qubits, flexible operations
- ◆ long lived entanglement ( $\sim 20$  s)
- ◆ 4 – 8 particle W-state, full tomography
- ◆ error budget, technical improvements
- ◆  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$  work in progress
- ◆ segmented trap work
- ◆ cavity QED towards interfacing ion trap processors

## Future:

- ◆ optimization of Cirac-Zoller gate (high priority !)  
achieve more CNOT gate operations
- ◆ error correction protocols with three and five qubits
- ◆ implementation with  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ , logical qubits + scalability

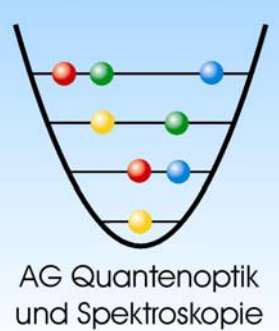


# Advertising posters of the Innsbruck experiments

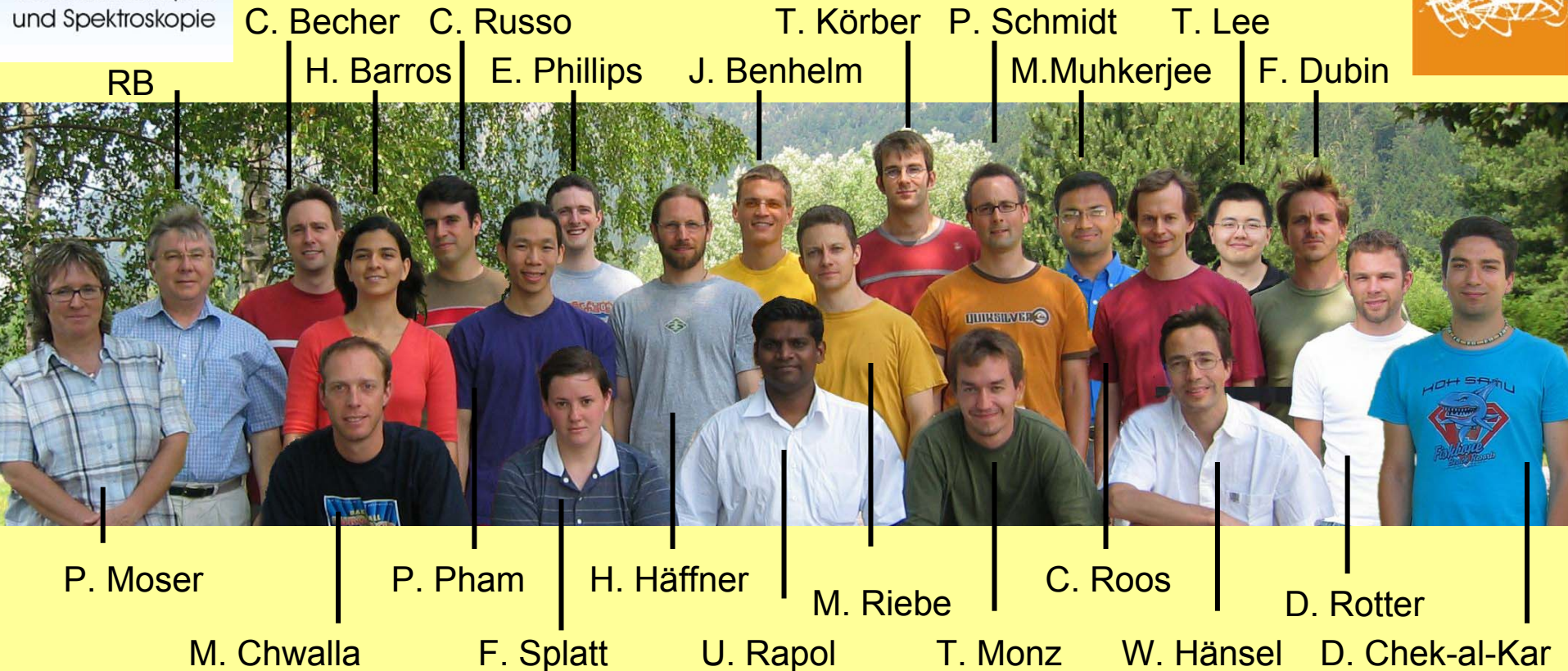
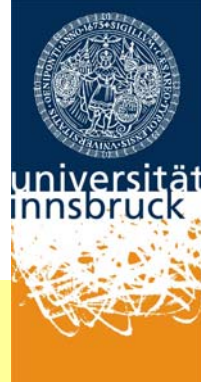
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